



**SOPHIA TRAVIS GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 4:30pm**  
**Nat U Hill Meeting Room and Zoom Connection**

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Sophia Travis Grant Applicant Presentations**
- 3. Adjournment**



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# SOPHIA TRAVIS GRANTS COMMITTEE

## Wednesday, July 26th, 2023

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APPLICATION COVER SHEET**

Today's Date: 07/14/2023 Applicant's 501(c)(3)/nonprofit tax ID number: 

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  Why not? NA

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Monroe County 4-H

Address: 3400 S Walnut St

City: Bloomington Zip: 47404

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Farm to School Field Trips, a Program by Monroe Co. 4-H/Purdue Extension

Project Total Cost: \$21,000 Grant Fund Request: \$15,627

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

800 3rd grade youth
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

800
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
TBD	Monroe County Farm Bureau		TBD
TBD	United Way		TBD
TBD	Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District		TBD

## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

(No more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

Our proposed project will address 5 major priorities for today's youth; Enhancing the welfare and safety of youth, Identifying and addressing the social and emotional needs of youth, Delivering educational experiences for youth that supplement classroom learning, and Developing character traits and leadership skills in youth. The fifth priority, Providing safe and enriching out-of-school time learning environments for youth is indirectly included because 4-H programs are usually out-of-school time activities. The project we are proposing, Farm to School Field Trips, occurs during school time. In December of 2021 the City of Bloomington asked if the Monroe County Extension office would be willing to assume responsibility of a project they were unable to complete under a grant that expired on 12/31/21. The project included coordinating field trips and education to local farms for 5, Title I Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC) elementary schools. After discussions about funding the project, it was agreed that our Extension office would coordinate the trips for 3rd graders at the 5 schools with \$9,500 in funding from the City of Bloomington. The MCCSC transportation department was granted \$1500 for the bus transportation to and from the field trips.

During administrative conversations, the MCCSC requested that we include all 7 Title I schools in the corporation, which meant adding 2 more schools with high free and reduced lunch rates to the field trips but additional funds needed to be secured. Funding through the Rotary Club District Grant Application was secured for \$4260 to support field trips for the additional 2 MCCSC schools. Senator Shelli Yoder, several city and county council members and the MCCSC Superintendent supported the grant application.

In 2022 the Monroe County Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator and the Community Wellness Coordinator planned the field trips that were ultimately taken between September 22 and October 21. Three farms hosted the trips for all of the 7 schools. Sobremesa, New Ground and Marble Hill Farms, located around the county, offered different experiences and insight into farming, agriculture, nutrition, natural resources, extra curricular youth organizations, and food production. Education was planned for the kids while on the field trips. Each field trip was run in stations of 4-5 lasting 10-20 minutes each, depending on the length of time the school had to spend on the farm. Farmers participated in running 2-3 stations which included a farm tour, learning about specific functions of the farm and nutrition education taught by a Purdue Extension Nutrition Education Program Advisor.

Children were given snacks purchased from the farms to take home. They were also given an assortment of educational materials provided by 4-H, Monroe County Farm Bureau and Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District. The field trips culminated in 9 total field trips taken from 7 schools serving 399 students at 3 Monroe County farms. Total funding leveraged was \$15,760 between 2 grants. One of the reasons these field trips were so successful was because of the collaborations and partnerships. 8 partner organizations helped with the field trips. They included: City of Bloomington, Bloomington Rotary Club, IU Health, MCCSC, Extension, Monroe County Farm Bureau, Future Farmers of America, and Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District. Every educator and staff member in the Monroe County Extension office assisted with the field trips.

No funds have been secured for 2023's field trips. All partners involved, particularly the City of Bloomington, the school corporation, the farmers, and the Extension office feel strongly that the field trips were very valuable and should continue to be a part of the 3rd grade experience. In a survey after the event, 100% of those responding agreed that the field trips should happen again. 100% agreed that the topics were interesting and 100% agreed that they enjoyed the field trip. We are requesting \$15,627 to fund the 2023-2024 farm to school field trips for Monroe County. With the funding we plan to enhance and expand the field trips with additional support from Monroe County 4-H and other partners to make the field trips more impactful and involve and recruit for 4-H members.

Future field trips will mirror the 2022 field trips, however we propose to include the other large school corporation in Monroe County, Richland Bean Blossom Community School Corporation (RBBSC), adding about another 225 3rd graders. The extra classes will add 5 more field trips to the 9 conducted in 2022 for MCCSC schools.

If funded, 4-H would be an integral part of the field trips in the future. Junior Leaders would have the opportunity to help guide and teach students during the field trips, an educational experience building character and leadership.

The stations at the tours would be structured as Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. Activities at the stations would tie farm, nutrition, physical activity and wellness, education, and science together with the head (clear thinking), the heart (loyalty), the hands (larger service) and health (better living). We will work with the school administration and teachers to match the station activities and topics to the in-class lessons of the 3rd grade to intentionally supplement classroom learning.

Current 4-H members would have an opportunity to learn by hands-on opportunities at the farm, not only through leadership but also the potential of service to the farmers through matched activities to prepare for the field trips with farmers at their property.

## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

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### Proposed outcomes to be achieved with the use of funds.

- Educate children about farms, operations of a farm and where food comes from.
- Educate children about science and technology used on farms
- Give 4-H Junior Leaders leadership opportunities
- Educate children about 4-H
- Recruit new 4-H members
- Tie classroom learning to farm field trips and provide opportunity with funding for teachers to revisit the field trip through an in-class project.
- Provide local food to children through take home snacks at each trip

### Timeline for the proposed program

Ideally we would receive funding before August of 2023 in order to complete the field trips for 2023. Trips will occur in September and October. Purchasing of supplies for in-class projects can occur between November and April so teachers can plan and implement a project that is related to the field trip in their classroom.

### A list and description of the organization's top five funding sources

Geranium sale fundraiser annually in the spring (\$30,836 in 2020, \$38,475 in 2021, \$36,832 in 2022)

Grants (\$30,010.04 in 2022)

County Commissioner contribution (\$6,000 annually)

Donations (\$2000 in 2020, \$8990 in 2021, \$3,078.50 in 2022)

Enrollment fees (\$2,365 in 2020, \$1570 in 2021, \$4530 in 2022)

### A plan for sustaining any proposed efforts that will require ongoing support. The organization should clearly describe its ability and commitment to sustain programming and impact after funds from a grant are expended.

We will work with the administration at the school systems to take on the funding needs for the project. Through demonstrating the value of the 3rd Grade Farm to School Field Trips over the grant period we will make our case and be able to hand to the schools a template and tool kit for programming and the financial impact of the field trips

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APPLICATION COVER SHEET**

Today's Date: 07/03/2023 Applicant's 501(c)(3)/nonprofit tax ID number: 

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Alexandra's Army

Address: 1501 West Edinburgh Bend

City: Bloomington Zip: 47403

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: 2023 Alexandra's Army Capital Project

Project Total Cost: \$ 4,600 Grant Fund Request: \$ 3,450

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

10,000
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

10,000
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$ 1,150	Private Sector Contributions		X

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. 6' x 10' Enclosed Trailer	\$ 4, 600
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## **Organization Mission Statement/Description**

Alexandra's Army recruits and trains kids to perform neighborhood food drives in order to help end local food insecurity. Additionally, the organization provides leadership development opportunities to local youth.

## **Organization Background**

Alexandra's Army was founded in 2020 in response to the growing need to combat local hunger. We are an all kid-run organization whose primary mission is to collect non-perishable food donations, but we also provide experiences for youth to get involved in their community. Alexandra's Army recruits and trains children of all ages to perform a food drive in their own neighborhoods. The participants knock on doors and discuss the project with neighbors while asking them for food donations. Our participants gain experience with public speaking and become aware of community involvement, and those with which they speak are offered the opportunity to get involved. It's a win, win, win situation!

Over 800,000 Hoosiers are currently suffering from hunger . . . nearly a quarter million of them children. In the past 2 years, Alexandra's Army has raised 10,000 pounds of food in support of ending local hunger.

Additionally, we have begun to offer an annual professional development opportunity to area youth. Last Spring, Alexandra's Army was able to provide an Internet Safety Program to the Bloomington community. Cyber Safety Consulting, a national leading training group out of Chicago, IL, came to Bloomington and offered a day of workshops to the kids and parents of Bloomington. Not only did an all kid-run non-profit successfully put together their first professional development series offering, but hundreds in our community are now impacted with the knowledge of how to safely navigate the internet!

Thousands in our community are served through the efforts of Alexandra's Army, each year!

Those experiencing food insecurity; the hundreds of kids becoming familiar with community service for the first time; the thousands of residents that are being offered the opportunity to get involved by contributing food; Our Community Sponsors, their employees, and their customers/clients; and, all of those connected with the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, the organization which receives the donation of our participant efforts. The future impact of this grant is limitless!

## **Project Summary**

Our program is growing, and along with growth comes finding new and innovative means to accomplish our goals with more efficiency. Our organization is based upon perpetual learning through experience, and applying those best practices to what we do.

We now own a lot of tools and materials that are required to conduct our program, but we have no place to store them, means to transport them, or a way to collect significant sized donations of food from our community partners. The solution is to purchase a 6'x10' covered trailer that can be used to store our food barrels, our commercial scales, our signage, and all of the additional bulky materials required to accomplish our mission.

This Capital expense is significant (\$4600), although we are seeking only 75% of the budget from the Sophia Travis Grant, and will raise the remainder of the funds from our local business community. Your hopeful funding will be the catalyst to leverage the necessary additional funding

Our program success is dependent upon having the necessary tools to do the work. After doing the math, we have determined that purchasing a storage and collection trailer is the economically responsible direction.

This seems like yet another, perfect fit for the funds you have available through the 2023 Sophia Travis Grant. Our organization fits within two (2) of your eight (8) targeted giving areas: *Health, Food, Nutrition, Security, Safety*; and, *Youth Enrichment Opportunities*!

Thanks for your consideration! The leaders of tomorrow need the required tools to continue engagement within the community . . .



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Today's Date: 7/7/2023 Applicant's 501(c)(3)/nonprofit tax ID number: 

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: All-Options

Address: 1014 S Walnut St  
City: Bloomington Zip: 47401

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: All-Options Hoosier Diaper Program

Project Total Cost: 35000 Grant Fund Request: 5000

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

1000
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

950
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
6900	Jack Hopkins Social Services grant	X	
1000	Bloomington Township	X	
3000	Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington	X	
8000	Bloomingfoods Positive Change program (this is an estimate; it will likely be more.)		X
8000	Individual Donations / Corporate Donations		X

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Diapers & Wipes	5000
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## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

(No more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

We are requesting \$5000 to help us meet the dramatically increased need for essential supplies every family with a baby or toddler needs: diapers & wipes.

Because diaper need is such a pervasive and systemic issue, it has far-reaching consequences: families experiencing diaper need face the daunting struggle of having to choose between diapers and other necessities like rent, food, utilities, or other necessities. The National Diaper Bank Network recently released The NDBN Diaper Check 2023: Diaper Insecurity among U.S. Children and Families, a nationally representative study. A few major findings from this study include:

- \* Diaper need has increased sharply. Almost half (47%) of families reported diaper need in 2023. In the first diaper need investigation in 2010 and in several subsequent studies, approximately 33% or 1/3 of families reported diaper need.
- \* Diaper need forces families to cut back on other essentials. 46% of families reported reducing other expenditures to afford diapers, with most of those households cutting back in multiple areas. The most common cutback was entertainment outside the home (56%). Other common areas for cutbacks included food (35%) and utilities (19%).
- \* Diaper need results in parents missing work and losing wages. 1 in 4 (25%) of parents and caregivers with diaper need reported having to miss work or school because they did not have enough diapers to drop their child off at childcare, and reported missing, on average, 5.1 workdays in the past 30 days. This represents a loss of \$296 per month for a parent earning the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour.

Access to clean diapers has a positive impact on the emotional, physical, and economic health of children and families. Just as the poverty cycle has a perpetuating negative impact, changing one element of this cycle can have far-reaching positive impacts. Removing one burden for a family (a month's supply of diapers) has a positive impact on that entire family, and extended to hundreds of families in Bloomington, on the community, as more parents will be able to focus on their families other needs, like school and work.

Since 2015, the All-Options Hoosier Diaper Program has provided compassionate, judgment-free support to local families by providing essential supplies like diapers, wipes, diaper cream, feeding supplies, baby bottles, and pregnancy tests to help meet the diaper need gap, so that families can keep their little ones safe, dry, and healthy. Since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have seen the number of families experiencing diaper need skyrocket, with a 98% increase in local diaper need just in the past 18 months. We have continued to improve our efficiency, paring down our expenses while continuing to fundraise and seek funding from several sources. Still, at least 25 new families request our assistance every single month, and we are striving to meet the increased demand. At the same time, we are increasing the number of resources & referrals we offer to families, and are building a potty training support program to help families who are struggling to transition their little ones out of diapers.

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Today's Date: 7/13/2023 Applicant's 501(c)(3)/nonprofit tax ID number: 

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Amethyst House, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 11  
City: Bloomington Zip: 47402

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Residential Food & Treatment Assessment Tools

Project Total Cost: \$55,580 Grant Fund Request: \$9,580

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

185
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

180
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$40,000	Division of Mental Health & Addiction	X	

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Groceries	\$6,000
2. Assessment Tools	\$3,580
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Monroe County Funding  
Sophia Travis 2022 \$4,960  
Sophia Travis 2021 \$3,050  
Sophia Travis 2020 \$4,010  
Sophia Travis 2019 \$2,300  
Sophia Travis 2018 \$3,500  
Sophia Travis 2017 \$3,500  
Sophia Travis 2015 \$3,300  
Monroe County Council 2009 \$6,000

## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

(No more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

Amethyst House's mission is to provide a foundation for recovery by partnering with individuals, families, and communities impacted by substance-use disorders, offering high quality residential and outpatient treatment services and guidance for healthy living. Amethyst House is requesting \$9,580 from the Sophia Travis Community Service Grant to help us purchase healthy, sustainable food that we provide to our residents and new screening and assessment tools for psychiatric evaluations.

Amethyst has an Outpatient office and two residential treatment facilities, a Men's and Women's, that serve adults with substance use diagnosis. We can house up to 14 women and 17 men at the appropriate facility. At each of our homes we provide a full range of food daily, feeding as many as 31 Monroe County residents at a time, 2-3 meals a day. Our current food budget is \$46,000; \$6,000 would cover 13%, of said budget. Other funds received from Division of Mental Health & Addiction are utilized for the remaining 87%. Making sure that our residents are given a proper diet is our highest priority and this \$6,000 supplement to our annual food budget remains crucial. Without question, our food budget is one of the most substantial portions of our monthly residential costs, and yet remains one of the highest priorities out of necessity. Amethyst has made a concerted effort to reduce our food spending; however, with increasing food costs the daily cost of food at our men's facility averages \$69 per day, while the daily cost of food for our women's facility averages \$52 per day. Total food costs at \$121 per day for both houses shows a 30% increase from previous year. The \$6,000 grant funding, if awarded, would cover the cost of food for approximately 50 days. Amethyst House's residential program remains one of the most affordable substance abuse treatment programs in Indiana, charging below-average treatment fees residential treatment. Our treatment program is recognized and sought out by many as the best option. Proper nutrition is especially important with individuals who are embarking on recovery from drugs and alcohol. Unhealthy eating habits, the use of drugs and alcohol, often create an environment that place our clients at risk for disease, malnutrition, as well as an inclination towards poor nutrition as they remove their substance of choice from their life. A core belief of ours is that early recovery is a critical time period to help individuals develop new habits that not only counteract the physical effects of using behaviors but aid them in learning new habits that form a lasting and sustainable recovery lifestyle. Our goal is to provide healthy nutritional food to our clients two times per day for 365 days per year. Amethyst provides treatment and housing to one of the most vulnerable populations, those with substance use disorder.

Many of our clients have co-occurring issues such as health conditions and other mental health diagnoses. We have seen an increase in anxiety and depression throughout the past three years and related community disconnections. We have always had a focus on preparing our clients to reintegrate back into society now, more so than ever considering the rise in substance abuse reported by the CDC in 2021 which is why we are focusing this year on expanding outpatient treatment services and increasing access to screening and assessment tools for psychiatric evaluations. We are requesting funding for clinical testing instruments that will assist us in meeting the needs of our clients and in providing thorough evaluations for \$3,580. We would like to purchase the following two instruments.

- Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI) \$1,000: This comprehensive personality assessment allows us to clearly diagnose and gain valuable insight into our more complex clients. This advanced diagnostic instrument allows us to more specifically target treatment approaches as we treat more clients with co-occurring disorders. PAI comprehensive kit includes the manual, reusable item booklets, administration folios, answer sheets, and PAI scoring forms.
- Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS IV) \$2,580: This cognitive exam for adults helps determine the presence of ADHD, learning disorders or possible head trauma effects on memory. It can establish a baseline to later re-test to see if there is memory improvement (likely as post-acute withdrawal syndrome diminishes) or if memory is worsening (possibly due to organic brain damage). WAIS-IV Complete Kit includes administration and scoring, technical manuals, stimulus books, record forms, scoring keys, scoring assistant combo kit, WAIS-IV Q-global administration and scoring manual.

If there are any further questions regarding our requests, please contact Gina Lovell at 812.336.3570, ext.203. The Amethyst staff wishes to thank the committee of the Sophia Travis Community Service Grant for their time and consideration of our application.

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Today's Date: July 6, 2023 Applicant's 501(c)(3)/nonprofit tax ID number: 

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Area 10 Agency on Aging

Address: 631 W. Edgewood Dr.

City: Ellettsville Zip: 47429

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Monroe County Adult Guardianship Program

Project Total Cost: \$97,440 Grant Fund Request: \$6,200.00

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

44
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

33
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$64,900	Indiana Supreme Court-Adult Guardianship Office VASIA grant through Monroe County Circuit Court	X	
\$16,227	Space in-kind value, Perry Township Trustee	X	
\$3,500	Monthly Guardianship fees for the year		X
\$6,613	Area 10 Agency on Aging-fundraising		X



**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Program support-legal guardian and supported volunteer guardians- Cash match	\$6,200
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## Sophia Travis Community Service Grant 2023 Grant Application

### **Area 10 Agency on Aging Monroe County Adult Guardianship Program Volunteer Advocates for Seniors & Incapacitated Adults (VASIA)**

#### Organization's Mission

The mission of Area 10 Agency on Aging is to serve as a leader in providing resources, solutions and connections for seniors, persons with disabilities and family caregivers living in Monroe and Owen counties. The Monroe County Adult Guardianship Program of Area 10 Agency on Aging ensures the person under guardianship is safe, has access to health care, is protected from financial exploitation, has appropriate shelter and access to social services supports.

#### Project Narrative

The Monroe County Adult Guardianship Program (Adult Guardianship Program- AGP) is a Volunteer Advocates for Seniors and Incapacitated Adults (VASIA) program - a collaborative effort between the Office of Judicial Administration, Indiana Office of Court Services, Area 10 Agency on Aging, and Monroe County Circuit Court. The program provides trained and supervised volunteers to support and advocate for the individual where AGP is the court-appointed guardian. The program and its volunteers assist vulnerable adults and the courts in decision-making regarding critical needs. VASIA embraces the principles of the Indiana Adult Guardianship Code of Ethics and National Guardianship Association (NGA) Ethics & Standards. The AGP is a decision-making agency that supports and advocates to assist individuals deemed incapacitated by the Court in making medical, personal, and financial and end-of life decisions.

The Program Manager, that oversees AGP, earned certification as a National Certified Guardian by the National Guardianship Association in 2021, and has maintained certification. Volunteers in the AGP complete a training program developed and directed by the Program Manager designed to educate volunteers on compassionate, person-centered, ethical advocacy.

We successfully received grant support from the Adult Guardianship Office of the Indiana Supreme Court to award a Volunteer Advocates for Seniors and Incapacitated Adults Program (VASIA) in Monroe County. This funding meets 50 percent of the operations and requires 50 percent local match, half of which can be in-kind and half must be cash sources. The Perry Township Trustee provides in-kind support to AGP by generously providing office space at their S. Walnut Street location.

Grant funding, in part, supports the costs of a Program Manager, who serves as the legal guardian point of contact, mentors and supports trained advocates. The volunteer advocates go through extensive training. They serve as volunteer advocates and primary contact for adults in need of services. Unlike many other VASIA programs, our program offers guardianship of the person, the estate, or both as needed.

Despite the end of the COVID public health emergency, we continue to be challenged in ensuring the needs are met of persons in guardianship. Most of our persons in guardianship

reside in communal settings such as group homes and nursing homes. Staff shortages and turnover are of particular concern in nursing facilities and group homes. Advocating for those in need of our services continues to be an on-going challenge and requires intensive oversight by our volunteers.

From inception of the VASIA program on March 15, 2016, to present, the program has served 44 individuals, 33 of which are Monroe County residents. Referrals to our program come from Adult Protective Services, Judges, Guardian ad Litem, Attorneys, IU Health Bloomington Hospital, skilled nursing facilities, and providers that serve the Intellectual/Developmental disability population.

Persons referred to AGP have experienced homelessness, emergent health care situations, neglect & abandonment from family, mental illness, addiction and financial exploitation. Many with intellectual and developmental disability have outlived family members who cared for them.

We receive support and funding from the Adult Guardianship Office of the Indiana Supreme Court for our combined Monroe and Owen County program. Local support sources this year include Area 10 Agency on Aging fundraising and nominal guardianship fees collected from persons served, if appropriate. This does not meet the VASIA grant requirement. We are requesting assistance to meet the \$6,200 needed for this 2023 program year.

#### Monroe County Grant History

Area 10 has received support from Sophia Travis Community Service grants in the past. The most recent was in 2022 to support the Endwright East Active Learning Center. The Volunteer Advocates for Seniors and Incapacitated Adults (VASIA) program received support from a Sophia Travis Community Service grant in 2022 for program support.

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Beacon, Inc.

Address: PO Box 451 / 620 S Walnut St

City: Bloomington Zip: 47401 / 47402

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): As above

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Clean Laundry for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

Project Total Cost: \$10,000 Grant Fund Request: \$8,750

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

2,500
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

2,000
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$1,250	South Central Indiana REMC Community Fund (Operation RoundUp)	\$1,250	\$0

## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

(No more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

Beacon, Inc. is a solutions-based antipoverty organization, dedicated to aiding and empowering people experiencing extreme poverty, especially hunger and homelessness. We provide daytime and emergency overnight shelter, hunger relief, permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, social services and case management, employment support, street outreach, eviction prevention, prescription and health care assistance, life essentials (restrooms, laundry, showers, mail, IDs, etc.), and other health and human services to hundreds of people each day and thousands each year.

Beacon, Inc. is respectfully requesting \$8,750 for three washers and two sets of stackable dryers for the Shalom Center.

There are currently four washers and two sets of stackable dryers at the Shalom Center. Only one of the four washers and one of the four dryers are functioning at this time. All of the appliances were purchased second hand. The washer and dryer which are working have much wear and tear, and they need frequent maintenance. We plan on replacing all four washers and four dryers, but are requesting funding only for three washers and four dryers because we have already secured funding for one washer.

The laundry room at Shalom is an important service that Beacon provides to our guests. We have a sign-up sheet for our guests to select times to do their laundry. When all of our washers and dryers were functioning, our guests were able to wash approximately 13 loads of laundry per day, five days a week. In 2021, 3,387 loads of laundry were washed and dried at Shalom. However, due to the malfunctioning of our washers and dryers in 2022, only 1,970 loads of laundry were washed by our guests. With funding for three more washers and two sets of stackable dryers, we could return to providing our previous level of service to our guests.

Not only can guests do their laundry at Shalom, but we also have two showers that are used daily by our guests. In 2022, 5,109 showers were taken at the Shalom Center. Our custodian uses our laundry facilities each day to wash the towels and washcloths that our guests must have in order to shower. This amounts to one to two loads of laundry per day. Our laundry room permits us to continue to offer sanitary, clean towels and washcloths for our guests so that they can shower.

Commercial washers and dryers have an average lifespan of 10 to 15 years, and we do not plan on purchasing any further washers and dryers for Shalom until the ones requested stop working. New washers and dryers will almost certainly not need the amount of repairs of older units, so we will most likely save money for several years until our new equipment becomes aged.

With new washers and dryers, we will be able to return to washing the same amount of laundry as before the old appliances broke. We will be able to offer the use of all four washers and dryers to our guests and make sure our guests have clean clothes, towels, and washcloths. Clean clothing is important so that our guests can be comfortable and healthy. In addition, with the use of the Shalom Center's washers, dryers, and showers, our guests can be ready for job interviews and other important events in their lives. The health and success of our guests is an essential part of our organization's work. Of the thousands of people who Beacon serves each year, 96% experience extreme poverty. For many of Shalom's guests, our laundry facilities and showers are the only ones to which they have access.

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Commercial Washer (3) - \$1,250 each	\$3,750
2. Commercial Stackable Gas Dryer Set (2) - \$2,500 each	\$5,000
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If you received a STCSG Award in 2021, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  Why not? N/A

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Be Loved Transportation

Address: PO Box 5952  
City: Bloomington Zip: 47408

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Writer (if different from above): [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Help is on the Way

Project Total Cost: 10,500 Grant Fund Request: 6,500

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

58
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

58
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
2,500	Individual Donors	2,500	
1,500	Fundraiser	1,500	
6,500	Sophia Travis Community Service Grant		6,500

## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

(No more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

Be Loved Transportation, Inc. is a 501 C 3 organization, since May 2009, and is governed by a qualified Board of Directors. The mission of Be Loved Transportation, Inc. is to provide reliable and courteous non-emergency medical transportation to anyone who needs it.

Be Loved Transportation addresses the need to provide wheelchair and ambulatory non-emergency medical transportation for individuals who are financially restrained and have limited or no access to transportation due to a variety of life conditions; such as, limited transportation from our bus systems, disabilities, economic and other life conditions limiting their availability for transportation services. Our request is birthed out of a response from the number of daily requests received for transportation due to individuals not having the means to pay. The ability to meet this need has increased over time and has become more of a need in our community. Monroe County is located in the Medically Underserved Area (MUA) which ranks 60th among the Indiana Counties. Access to healthcare and cost were identified as primary concerns for our community. Monroe County has an increased number of missed medical appointments due to diagnoses; such as, cardiovascular disease, stroke, and diabetes just to name a few. This is a direct correlation for "Quality of Life" in the Monroe County Health Ranking of 18. In this study, the community identified the need for resources/access to resources as one of the 3 most important issues facing our community.

The Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) consistently has identified access to basic/primary health care and Transportation to healthcare appointments for individuals without vehicles as a significant need from the community. Although Monroe County has an abundance of resources, it is often difficult to get economically disadvantaged populations to affordable providers.

Be Loved Transportation, Inc. is requesting \$6,500 to provide 58 wheelchair rides and 116 non-emergency medical transportation rides. The requested funds include the cost of providing qualified drivers and fuel. The rides will be provided in Monroe County at a rate of \$30/one way for 0-5 miles.

Be Loved Transportation is addressing the need of improving the quality of life. We meet this need by providing safe and courteous transportation to individuals to meet their required health care appointments, which would help by reducing the incidence of hospital stays and emergency room visits. "For the Bloomington community, the rates of admissions for ACSC exceeded Indiana averages for one of thirteen conditions." (pg 67 CHNA) This solution will reduce the incidence of driving high cost of hospitalization and improve the quality of life.

Our organization has been providing non-emergency transportation for over six years with the growing demand for wheelchair transportation. Since 2016, we have collaborated with over nine (9) agencies in the community to provide comprehensive transportation transporting Medicaid and non-Medicaid clients; such as, Logisticare, Southeastrans, Centerstone, ProCare and more.

Be Loved Transportation provides jobs in the workforce by training and certifying drivers as part of our sustainability plan. Our goal is to aid in filling the gap as identified as a need in the Community Health Needs Assessment. Be Loved Transportation, Inc. has provided over 35,000 rides since 2016. We have grown from one vehicle to over seven (7) providing approximately 210 weekly rides on average. We receive calls daily requesting wheelchair rides and ambulatory rides. Our hope is you find our request of \$6,500 to be considerably important in order to help improve the quality of life for individuals in Monroe County.



**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Provide 58 wheelchair rides and 116 ambulatory rides 0-5 miles in Monroe County	10,500
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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana

Address: 1802 W. 17th Street, Suite C

City: Bloomington Zip: 47404

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: One to One Plus Mentoring

Project Total Cost: \$15,000 Grant Fund Request: \$10,000

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$5,000	Lilly Endowment Grant	x	

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Program supplies and outreach materials	\$2,000
2. Staff support, planning, activities	\$4,000
3. Youth enrollment and training for parents and volunteers	\$3,000
4. Mentor recruitment	\$1,000
5. Background checks/safety materials	\$2,000
6. Enhanced Programming, including additional communication material (in person, digital and tangible.	\$3,000
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## Project Narrative:

Our mission at Big Brothers Big Sisters is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. Our vision ensures all youth achieve their full potential. Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies across the US are preparing to introduce a brand new concept to supplement our traditional One to One Mentoring Program. This new program is called One to One Plus. All 200+ agencies nationwide have been known for our outstanding One to One Mentoring for nearly 120 years.

In 2023, we are creating a program that takes One to One Mentoring to another level. One to One Plus will include the traditional program, add group settings and allow lead mentors to support more than one youth at a time. We will still provide the on-going monitoring, coaching and support from staff which has always made our mentoring programs unique and above other mentoring programs. Careful recruitment, screening and training of mentors will also continue as a standard before becoming a part of the program. Youth and mentors will meet monthly and participate in group activities coordinated by BBBS staff. Group activities will allow youth to increase social skills and enhance connections with their peers. Mentors will be able to interact and share their experiences with more than one youth at each meeting.

In addition, our group mentoring will bring in collaboration with other community partners to share the experience in a group setting with our participants. This will allow the families and matches access to further resources in the community. In addition, we will be providing a platform for our community partners to reach more youth and volunteers needing further support.

The program's results will be increases in an overall sense of community, sense of purpose, and social interactions. This program will allow us to greatly reduce our waitlist (over 150 youth currently) by providing more volunteer opportunities as well as extended options for our families.

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington

Address: 803 N. Monroe St. P.O. Box 1716

City: Bloomington Zip: 47402

Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Safety Film

Project Total Cost: \$40,000 Grant Fund Request: \$10,000

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

1,800
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

5,000
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$5,000	Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington (BGCB) Building Fund Reserves		x
\$10,000	Safety Grant from Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA)		x
\$10,000	Safety allocation from Lilly Endowment Grant		x
\$5,000	Donated in-kind services from the vendor		x

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Ferguson Crestmont Club Film	\$5,000
2. Lincoln Street Club Film	\$5,000
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## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

(No more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington (BGCB) is to empower all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as caring, productive, and responsible citizens. Club programs build character and strengthen life skills while providing hope and opportunity through accessible programming made possible by low membership dues (\$20/year, \$5/year for residents of the Bloomington Housing Authority), transportation to and from the Club, and programs such as cooking, tutoring, drama, etc. BGCB meets the community's needs by providing well-rounded after-school programs that support the goals of the community and the needs of its families.

We are requesting \$10,000 to support the purchase of 3M Safety Film for the exterior glass at the Ferguson Crestmont and Lincoln Street Clubs.

Safety is the #1 priority for us at the Boys & Girls Club. With the rise of active shooters and external threats impacting our youth in facilities like our Clubs we are always working to turn our Clubs from a soft target to a hard target. Some of this improvement comes through staff training and safety procedures, but the most effective way is to further strengthen our facilities. The goal of this project is to further strengthen the boundary between the public and the member program area. Our Clubs have glass doors that currently serve as the barrier to entry to the membership area. They are locked for safety, but as we saw in the Nashville shooting, glass can be easily shattered and allow for entry. We plan to add 3M Safety Film to these glass doors. What this does is prevent the doors from shattering and falling away if shot or broken. It does not fully prevent entry but it does slow an intruder down to allow more time for staff to get members to safety and for emergency responders to reach us. Our plan also includes adding a layer of reflective material over the 3M Safety Film. This layer reduces the visibility through glass doors. Statistics show that if people cannot see, they most often do not shoot. Active shooters rarely shoot through walls or glass if they cannot see what is on the other side.

Support from the Sophia Travis Community Service Grant (STCSG), would allow us to purchase the film to continue improving the safety of our buildings protecting our kids from the ever increasing threat of gun violence in locations like schools and after-school centers. The portion of the project not funded by STCSG and will be funded by Boys & Girls Clubs of America through a safety grant and a Lilly Grant partnership initiative as well as from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington reserved building improvement funds.

The Crestmont neighborhood where our Ferguson Club is located has a disproportionately high percentage of the total gun violence that occurs in Monroe County. It is critical that all our members are provided with a safe place to be after-school at the Club. This allows the Club to provide quality programming that addresses a key area of support for the Sophia Travis Community Service Grant (STCSG): Youth Enrichment Opportunities.

The Ferguson Crestmont Boys & Girls Club serves members who overwhelmingly fall into the low and low-moderate income categories. In 2021, 82% of the families we served reported incomes under 50% AMI, and 70% of our members received Free/Reduced Lunch. The demand for after-school programs is much higher among low-income families than families that do not qualify for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program: Accessible, affordable, and quality youth programs are essential for these parents to keep their employment and peace of mind. As found in a study conducted by the Indiana After-school Alliance, 72% of Indiana parents strongly believe that after school programs, like the Boys & Girls Club, help them keep their jobs. The SCAN study also explains that the economic and social challenges faced by many of Monroe County's youth limit

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** N/A - we did not receive an award in 2021

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Cancer Support Community South Central Indiana

Address: 1719 W 3rd St  
City: Bloomington Zip: 47404

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]  
Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]  
Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]g

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Financial Assistance for Cancer Patients

Project Total Cost: 45,800 Grant Fund Request: \$8,500

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

250
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

200+
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$5,000	Jack Hopkins Social Services Fund	x	
\$6,800	Sophia Travis 2022 Request	x	
\$8,500	United Way of Monroe County	x	
\$17,000	Boston Scientific Foundation		x



**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Wig Boutique (purchase wigs, hats, scarves, wig stands, wig care supplies)	\$1000
2. Calendula Cream (cream to heal radiated skin)	\$1500
3. Water Bottles (radiation patients with cancer in pelvic area to protect organs)	\$1500
4. Food Assistance (grocery gift cards for cancer patients)	\$2000
5. Transportation Assistance (gas or Uber/Lyft/Taxi gift cards or bus passes)	\$1000
6. Wig Fittings (staff assisting patients to find the right wig and prepare wig kits)	\$750
7. Application Processing (for food/transporation assistance)	\$750
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## **Cancer Support Community – Financial Assistance for Cancer Patients**

Cancer Support Community South Central Indiana (CSCSCI) opened its doors on West Third street in Bloomington, Indiana in March 2022. CSCSCI offers free support programs to cancer patients, survivors, family members, and caregivers. Our mission is to ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community. **So that no one faces cancer alone.**®

Offering programs FREE to anyone impacted by cancer reduces barriers to receiving essential counseling, nutrition and wellness, education, and social connections needed during a cancer journey. Examples of free support programs available to the community include: individual counseling, support groups, nutrition classes, yoga, reiki, seated chi kung, tai chi, art therapy, music therapy, cancer education programs, social connections, wig boutique, comfort kits, youth art back packs, and direct financial assistance.

This request will focus on our programs: Patient Assistance Fund (PAF) and Wig Boutique. PAF provides free \$100 grocery and \$50 gas gift cards to cancer patients in active treatment who are at 300% of federal poverty or below. Inflation has shown great increases in gas and grocery expenses—for a family of four it can be upwards of \$1000. Cancer creates enormous financial strain on a family between medical costs and loss of income to take time off work for treatments and care of a family member.

In 2022 we were generously awarded \$6,800 from Sophia Travis for our Patient Assistance Fund to purchase grocery and gas gift cards. We are on track to use all of that funding before the end of 2023. As of end of June 2023 those funds have provided 21 Monroe County residents facing cancer groceries and transportation assistance. Enough funds remain to provide 11 more Monroe County residents assistance with groceries and transportation. In our request for 2023, we are asking for an additional \$2000 for grocery cards and \$1000 for gas cards or transportation assistance to meet the projected needs of Monroe County residents facing cancer through the end of 2024.

This year, we recognize another need within our Wig Boutique. The boutique offers free wig kits, hats, scarves, and other personal items for Monroe County community members facing cancer. These items provide both warmth and a positive image at a time when anxiety and stress are at their worst for many cancer patients. Many of the items including some of the wigs in our boutique are donated, allowing us to make the most of donations and grants funding the boutique. In this request, we are humbly asking for \$1000 for wigs, \$1500 for calendula cream, and \$1500 for water bottles. CSCSCI has a relationship with a wholesale vendor that allows us to purchase wigs at a greatly reduced cost around \$50 each (as compared with \$300-500 retail). This allows us to order wigs personalized to each individual patient. We also purchase the

supplies needed to care for a wig (wig stand, cleaning supplies, etc.) All of these items along with the wig form the wig kit at a cost of \$100 to CSC. The wig kits are free to cancer patients. Our request of \$1000 would provide 10 wig kits to Monroe County residents.

CSCSCI works closely with IU Health Radiation Oncology centers. The radiation oncology centers have identified two items many cancer patients receiving radiation treatments have a great need for: calendula cream, water bottles.

Calendula cream is recommended by Radiation Oncologists for topical care during radiation treatments. Radiated skin is extremely sensitive and there are many restrictions of what you can put on it. Calendula cream eases the skin irritation and burns caused by radiation. It is very good at soothing and moisturizing sensitive and irritated skin, promoting wound healing, and offering a natural, gentle option for addressing skincare needs. The cost of calendula cream (\$13 for a 2.5 oz tube on Amazon) is often a barrier to cancer patients. IU Health had been providing this cream to patients in radiation through free samples from a distributor. The distributor is no longer willing to provide this cream to IU Health as free samples. Cancer Support Community recognizes the importance and effectiveness of calendula cream, and we want to make it available in our boutique as well as deliver it to patients in radiation. We're requesting \$1500 to purchase as many calendula cream tubes as we can. Being sales tax exempt, we expect to be able to purchase about 115 2.5 oz tubes for \$13 each.

Water bottles are requested for cancer patients being treated with radiation in the pelvic region. It is critical for patient with cancer in the pelvic area to have a full bladder when they go into radiation treatment. This helps to protect their organs from the damaging effects of radiation. CSCSCI would like to purchase branded water bottles with contact information (phone/website/address) for CSCSCI office. The water bottles would improve the health outcomes of patients in radiation treatments and increase awareness of other cancer support programs available to them. These water bottles would be distributed through IU Health Radiation center which sees about 80 patients with a pelvic cancer per year. We're requesting \$1500 to purchase about 100 water bottles that would be given to cancer patients receiving radiation treatment at Bloomington or Bedford Radiation Centers.

Radiation is a specialty treatment, and some people come from outside Monroe County to receive treatment in Monroe County. CSCSCI serves the same 11 county region served by IU Health Bloomington Hospital. We do ask for address information from all of our participants, including those who receive items from us. This allows us to see the number of people in each county we support. The majority of participants served in 2022 by CSCSCI live in Monroe County.

We are asking for these items because we know they will improve health outcomes in Monroe County and beyond. We can proceed if awarded partial funding, but we would try to spread out the difference across all areas as evenly as possible.

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Catholic Charities Bloomington (CCB) Counseling Services

Address: 803 N Monroe St

City: Bloomington Zip: 47401

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Writer (if different from above): [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Caring for Clients Through Emergency Preparedness

Project Total Cost: \$7,100 Grant Fund Request: \$7,100

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

200
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

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(Approximate # receiving in-person services)

**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. AED machine	\$1,700
2. Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED training	\$2,900
3. Panic buttons (direct link to emergency services)	\$2,500
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## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

### ***Background***

Catholic Charities Bloomington (CCB) Counseling Services offers a comprehensive, integrated continuum of quality mental health care for children and adults struggling with a range of life issues. CCB provides services including play therapy for children who have experienced depression, anxiety, and other mental-health challenges (children represent nearly 50% of CCB's clients) and EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing) therapy, an evidence-based technique for clients who have experienced trauma, along with traditional talk therapy (psychotherapy). All individuals and families are welcome at CCB.

### ***Need***

Catholic Charities Bloomington is committed to treating its clients with respect and dignity, and as such, clients' safety while in CCB's care is of the utmost importance. During the pandemic, this commitment to safety meant rapidly pivoting to telehealth, which remains an option for clients. However, as clients have opted to return to in-person services, CCB has taken the opportunity to re-assess the overall safety of its offices and has identified a need to improve its ability to respond to health and safety crises and to contact emergency services quickly and safely if needed.

Catholic Charities Bloomington is committed to serving people who are experiencing poverty and other marginalizing factors; the agency accepts Medicaid and offers sliding-scale payments for uninsured clients to ensure that clients' income does not determine their ability to access services. Twenty-four percent of clients utilized a sliding-scale payment plan, and over 60% of youth clients were part of families eligible for Medicaid, a testament to CCB's commitment to serving low-income individuals and families. Moreover, CCB also serves a "high social vulnerability" tract (top 25%) per the CDC, highlighting the challenges many residents face due to their socioeconomic status, housing type, and access to transportation. Because many of the clients CCB serves have experienced trauma or marginalizing factors, their risk for experiencing physical health challenges may also be greater. The CDC defines social determinants of health as "the nonmedical factors that influence health outcomes," including "the conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live, and age, and the wider set of forces and systems shaping the conditions of daily life." Individuals who experience economic instability, housing insecurity, or marginalization due to race, identity, and other factors are more likely to experience negative health impacts. Somewhat similarly, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) (such as the experience or witnessing of violence in one's home or community, housing or food insecurity, and familial instability due to parental separation or incarceration) are also associated with negative health outcomes, including the development of chronic health issues like cancer, diabetes, and heart disease (Center for Disease Control [CDC]).

### ***Request and Impact***

As a high percentage of the clientele CCB serves have experienced social determinants of health or ACEs that may negatively impact their physical health, CCB seeks to improve its ability to safely respond to health or other emergency issues that may arise while clients are on-site in its offices. Catholic Charities Bloomington is requesting \$5,100 from the Sophia Travis Community Service Grants Program to purchase an automatic external defibrillator (AED) machine (\$1,700), provide all employees with first aid, CPR, and AED training through the American Red Cross (\$2,900), and to install panic buttons that will allow staff to immediately contact and send information to emergency services should a crisis arise (\$2,500; this figure would cover equipment and installation costs for 13 buttons, ensuring coverage throughout CCB's offices). If funded, CCB anticipates that this equipment can be purchased and installed and that staff can be trained in its usage by the end of 2023.

This equipment and training will better equip CCB staff to deal with potential health and safety crises and allow clients and staff who opt to return to in-person services to have confidence that the high-quality mental-health care provided at CCB is delivered in an environment that prioritizes safety and emergency preparedness.



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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** Did not apply in 2021

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: The Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Foundation

Address: 421 W 6th St, Ste A

City: Bloomington Zip: 47404

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Career Cruise

Project Total Cost: \$10,275 Grant Fund Request: \$4,000

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

1,000
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$3750	Success School event sponsorship	\$3750	
2000	2022 Sophia Travis Grant remaining award* (explanation in Narrative section)	\$2000	

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Venue Rental	1800
2. Table Rental	600
3. Food and Beverages for Exhibitors	1825
4. Drawstring bags for Students	1700
5. Swag/promotional items for students	500
6. Signage for event	100
7. Staffing/Volunteer expenses	3750
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## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

(No more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

The Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce's purpose is "to promote the continuous improvement of the common good and the quality of life in the community through the pursuit of new business; the cultural, social, and economic education of our citizens; and by providing accurate and timely assistance to the business community." The Chamber's Foundation is respectfully seeking a grant of \$4,000 to aid in a youth enrichment opportunity for the community.

For the first time, a county-wide initiative called the Career Cruise, will aim to guide seventh graders from all MCCSC middle schools to future career paths. Students will take a field trip to a central location and attend a career exhibitor fair with local industry partners, providing an informative, interactive, educational, and fun day surrounding the topic of careers.

The Career Cruise is designed for students to feel as if they are vacationing on a cruise ship. The cruise theme of the event is intended to bring a fun atmosphere to a somewhat stressful experience as students start to think about choosing a career path to follow in high school.

As students embark on the cruise, they'll rotate through the venue and visit three different "ports of call", each with exhibitor booths featuring area businesses and organizations. At each booth, students will participate in a hands-on activity designed to introduce students to that career path.

The inaugural Career Cruise is a part of an on-going initiative to tie students to local businesses, with the idea that the seventh graders get an idea what kind of jobs are available to them after they graduate high school, or potentially after they graduate college, especially if, they chose to stay local and live here in Monroe County. Each student will spend approximately five minutes at each booth. The event will be organized by career clusters, giving students time to explore each "port", talk to people in those industries, and see what kind of opportunities are available with that career. By the end of the cruise, students will have gained knowledge from over 50 businesses and organizations on available careers in the Monroe County area, as well as a good understanding of the education requirements and skills needed to be successful in a particular career.

\*The Career Cruise held in 2023 wishes to use the remaining funds from the 2022 Sophia Travis grant awarded to the Chamber's Foundation in 2022. Those funds were designated for another career exploration event, Tour of Opportunity. Several tours were possible throughout the '22-'23 school year; however, due to transportation considerations for an entire grade level, the original plan to bus students to different locations was not feasible for the number of students. The Career Cruise aims to offer a similar opportunity by bringing all students to one location.

Grants received from Monroe County:  
2022 Sophia Travis Community Service Grant \$9240

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Community Justice and Mediation Center

Address: 205 S. Walnut, Suite 16

City: Bloomington Zip: 47404

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Program Materials & Training Scholarships

Project Total Cost: \$129,544 Grant Fund Request: \$3,045

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

795
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$10,000	MC Contract- VORP	x	
\$8,000	Community Foundation	x	
\$21,000	CDBG	x	
\$4,500	Jack Hopkins	x	
\$86,144	Fund raising, NAP, fees=\$40,00 & volunteer mediator hours:1660 @ 428.84/hr=\$46,144	x	x

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Training Scholarships & Stipends	\$2500
2. Printing STEP workbooks 50@ \$4/each	\$200
3. Printing Outreach Materials (500 flyers @ \$70, 100 posters@\$80, 300 brochures @\$195)	\$345
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## **CJAM Mission**

Serving Monroe County, the mission of the Community Justice and Mediation Center is to promote a civil community through mediation, education, and restorative justice. We envision a fair community that learns from conflict, prevents harm, and grows in understanding.

## **Sophia Travis CJAM Funding History**

2010 - \$1,799

2015 - \$400

2016 - \$1,445

2018 - \$1,360

2019 - \$2,460

2020 - \$2,640

2021 - \$2,440

2022- \$2,850

## **CJAM General Info**

The Community Justice and Mediation Center (CJAM) has played an important role in helping Monroe County residents respond constructively to conflict for over twenty-seven years. CJAM works with individuals, organizations, the MC court system, area businesses/non-profits, and others to manage and resolve conflicts.

Our services include the Victim and Offender Restoration Program (VORP) for juvenile and adult offenders and their victims; a pre-trial diversion program called Shoplifting and Theft Education Program (STEP); community, small claims, and eviction court mediation (Eviction Prevention Project); conflict coaching; conflict resolution training services; and, facilitation (i.e., Community Voices for Health initiative). We served over 850 individuals in 2022.

Among the critical benefits that CJAM offers to Monroe County residents are our volunteer mediator's personal contributions of time, knowledge, and commitment. More than simply "volunteerism," these community member efforts, taken together, represent a *volunteer service delivery system* devoted to peacemaking, civility, and public safety. We maintain a roster of 25 - 40 active mediators, ranging in age from 20 to 87 years, who deliver 90% of our direct services. Our eviction court cases have increased by almost 50% this year, so we continue to need volunteers who have day hours available to mediate. We continue to focus on building a diverse and representative mediator pool focused on recruiting minority volunteers, Spanish-speaking and male volunteers, and members of other underrepresented communities. This is important because a skilled mediator must do many things well. They must quickly work to establish trust, they must help to create a safe space in which people can problem solve more effectively, they

must work to level power imbalances and they help participants to identify and prioritize their own goals and interests, rather than their own. Having a robust and diverse volunteer roster can be the critical element to ensure positive outcomes of the mediation. Thanks in part, to your support over the past several years, we continue to see an increase in the diversity of our mediators.

***Program and Outreach Materials, Supplies, & Training Scholarships – Project Funding Request***

CJAM seeks grant support in the amount of \$3,045 to fund training scholarships and stipends, program supplies and volunteer outreach materials. Our conflict resolution services are built on the time and talents of our volunteers and are enhanced by the extensive training we provide. Those in conflict entrust CJAM mediators with sensitive and oftentimes emotionally-charged information and the credibility of our services in the minds of mediation participants is often that the mediators are people like themselves, whose only interest is in helping them explore and reach their own best agreement to the dispute. Sophia Travis funding will support these efforts.

- 1. Mediator Training Scholarships and Stipends (\$2,500):** We are requesting funding of \$2500 for scholarships for our 40-hour Basic Mediation and Restorative Justice Training and for stipends for other related costs of attending the training. The training scholarships range from \$100 - \$300. The training participant cost is \$300 and is required training for our volunteer mediators. The “scholarships” support our efforts to build a diverse and representative mediator team, and our commitment to keeping our services free or low cost. Participants are asked to fill out a short scholarship application and our decisions are based on financial needs, interests, and ability to volunteer with CJAM. Last year we also offered financial support (stipends) for those who need assistance with child care, transportation, language assistance, or other special needs in order to attend the training. We feel this is an important component as we work to become a more inclusive organization. Participants are asked to fill out a short form and provide receipts/documentation.
- 2. STEP Workbooks (\$200):** We are requesting \$200 to print 50 of our Shoplifting and Theft Prevention Program (STEP) workbooks @ \$4.00/each. These workbooks supplement STEP programming and are used by the clients, throughout the program.
- 3. Volunteer Recruitment/Community Awareness (\$345):** We are requesting \$70 to print 500 outreach flyers, \$80 to print 100 posters, and \$195 to print 300 two-sided color brochures.

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Community Kitchen of Monroe County, Inc.

Address: PO Box 3286 (1515 S Rogers St)

City: Bloomington Zip: 47402

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Food Purchase

Project Total Cost: \$215,000 Grant Fund Request: \$10,000

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

4,100
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

4,100
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$7,500	Glick Community Relief Grant	x	



**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Food	\$10,000
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## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

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### **Community Kitchen mission & philosophy**

At Community Kitchen, our mission is to work, alone and in collaboration with others, to eliminate hunger in Monroe County and surrounding areas through direct service, education and advocacy. Our philosophy states that Community Kitchen provides free nutritious meals, nutrition education, referrals to other agencies, and a clean, comfortable social environment for patrons, staff and volunteers. Nutritious hot meals are provided to anyone who walks through our doors, six days a week, year-round. In 2022, we served 298,151 meals & snacks to Monroe County residents! That is an average of over 952/day. Through daily operations and educational outreach, Community Kitchen works to educate the public about the extent of hunger in Monroe County, explain probable causes of hunger, and provide ways to respond to hunger needs. The agency's ultimate goal is for individuals to achieve regular access to an adequate diet through normal means.

Services offered by Community Kitchen of Monroe County are available to any Monroe County resident in need. There are no eligibility requirements. However, as the agency expands its services, it targets certain populations including the low-income working class, the underemployed or unemployed, at-risk children, seniors, individuals with disabilities, the chronically ill and homeless individuals. The dignity and worth of all patrons are respected at Community Kitchen and an ongoing effort to protect their anonymity is observed.

### **Project for which we seek funding**

Community Kitchen is seeking funding for the purchase of food for our programs. Meal service is provided at 1515 S Rogers Street location, 1100 W 11<sup>th</sup> St, and through our mobile food truck at various sites around the county. From each site we serve dinner from 4-6pm, Monday-Saturday all year long, with no questions asked. The Kitchen serves a main entree, a vegetarian option, side vegetable, salad, fruit, desserts and beverages.

The Kitchen also has special programs for children. The Feed Our Future Program provides sack dinner meals and snacks to at-risk children and youth in after-school programs. The Backpack Buddies program provides backpacks of weekend food to selected low-income children at twenty-one local schools. That program served about 400 different students each week through the program last year.

Finally, we know that over 5,500 Monroe County school children receive free or reduced meals at school and are likely at a nutritional disadvantage when not in school. During the summer when children are out of school, we provide a free, nutritious sack lunch delivered each Monday - Friday to children in eleven local low-income neighborhoods. In addition, we provide Backpack Buddies to these children each Friday through the summer.

62% of individuals Community Kitchen served last year were children under 18 years old; 15% were senior citizens and 14% had experienced homelessness within the previous six months. According to 2022 surveys of dinner service patrons, 100% of people served were at or below 50% of area median income. Community Kitchen's services impact a large number of individuals and families in Monroe County. We conduct routine, anonymous surveys to help us with client counts and demographic information.

We know that we certainly do not survey EVERY individual who utilizes the Kitchen, so those client counts are not complete. We know for sure that the Kitchen services impacted over 3,330 individuals in Monroe County in 2022. Not counted in those numbers are the other family members associated with the children enrolled in Backpack Buddies program.

### **Grant criteria**

Community Kitchen's request directly addresses the criteria outlined by the Community Service Grant Program committee. Community Kitchen services are only provided in Monroe County. 99% of dinner patrons indicate they are Monroe County residents and all of our other meal programs serve only Monroe County residents. Therefore, we expect that nearly all of our 4,100 patrons expected to be served in 2022 will be Monroe County residents.

\$10,000 in funds requested for food purchases will help supplement our most basic cost. Children's programs accounted for 85% of food costs in 2022. Utilizing donations and the Hoosier Hills Food Bank allow us to keep food costs low. In 2022, we spent an average \$.68/meal on food. That is the highest total per meal for food ever in our history. As food prices have risen significantly over the past year, and our meal counts are up 19% over last year, we are facing even more expensive food costs/meal than last year.

Grant support helps us keep the costs low and meet our goal of providing high quality food to those in need. These funds also allow us to utilize other fundraising efforts for investments in our facility, equipment and staffing. Those investments provide long-term benefits and efficiencies in our programs.

### **Project budget & timeline**

Since our request is for food that is used in our Free Meals Service and that encompasses all that we do, the attached agency budget for 2023 serves as a project budget. The food line item of the budget is highlighted as it is that for which we would use grant income.

### **Request**

We request \$10,000 to purchase food. As our meal counts grow nearly each year and food costs increase, our food & beverage budget has increased over time, as well. Our food expenses for 2021 totaled \$145,924. It jumped to \$203,029 in 2022 and so far this year, that cost is up 21% over last year. As COVID relief funds and food sources have dried up, and prices and meal counts have increased, our request is more urgent than ever before. In the event that our request could not be fully funded, partial funding at any level is helpful.

### **Previous Grants**

2021 - \$4,880	2008 - \$10,135
2020 - \$4,600	2007 - \$6,000
2019 - \$6,700	2006 - \$5,000
2018 - \$7,200	2005 - \$4,000
2017 - \$6,700	2004 - \$6,000
2016 - \$6,150	2003 - \$5,000
2015 - \$7,400	2002 - \$6,000
2014 - \$8,600	2001 - \$5,000
2013 - \$7,700	2000 - \$5,000
2012 - \$5,000	
2011 - \$8,000	
2010 - \$9,280	
2009 - \$10,459	

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Courage to Change Sober Living

Address: P.O.Box 3001

City: Bloomington Zip: 47402

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Case/House Manager Salary New Men's Residence

Project Total Cost: 18000 Grant Fund Request: 9000

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
4000	Recovery Works		x
5000	Applying for other grants		x

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Men's Case/House Manager Salary	9000
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**Mission/History:** *Courage to Change Sober Living was formed in 2015 to address the lack of low barrier, affordable, staff and peer supported transitional housing for those experiencing substance use disorders in Monroe County. We started with a one, two bedroom apartment and now have four sober living residences--two men's and two women's. We can serve 26 individuals at one time.*

**Accreditation:** *Our residences are certified level two sober living residences certified by the Indiana National Association of Recovery Residences. Level two sober living residences must meet certain guidelines including house manager or senior resident ;policy and procedures house rules provide structure; peer or staff run groups; drug screening; house meetings; involvement in self help and/or treatment services; primarily single family residences possibly apartments or other dwelling types and at least 1 compensated position. Courage to Change has a paid case/house manager for our two men's houses and a paid case/house manager for our two women's houses whose duties include: drug screening, house meetings, case management, interviewing potential residents, helping residents with their recovery plans, resume and employment search help, making sure residents are following house rules, acting as a sounding board for residents, assisting residents in locating help from other social service agencies, helping residents move in and out, attending bi-weekly meetings with CTC's Executive Director, Marilyn Grimes and attending events in the community to help folks learn more about CTC and our mission.*

**Need:** *There is a lack of transitional housing for those suffering from substance use disorders in Monroe County and in particular for those coming from jail or prison. 95% of our residents come to us from the correctional system with the other 5% coming to us from other treatment facilities. Folks coming from jail or prison face specific barriers including lack of family or community ties, lack of job history, landlords not wanting to rent to them, inability to pay for treatment, difficulty in finding employment while also having to pay court fees or face being re-incarcerated and trying to become stable in their recovery plan while also worrying about being unhoused.*

*Courage to Change has long realized the need for more residences given our waiting lists over the years which currently consists of 67 applications that we have received online and 52 other applications that have come through the mail from jail or prison. We refer folks to other treatment centers when appropriate but those centers are also full and many of our applicants want to return to Monroe County to start their recovery since that is where they are from. Although waiting lists are long for both men and women we tend to get twice as many applications from men as we do from women which is why we have decided to open up another men's residence at this time with a goal of adding beds for our women's residence once we find an appropriate residence. Courage to Change rents our residences so we are at the mercy of the high rental prices as are others in Monroe County and we have specific requirements as well in terms of having to be on a bus line, the number of bedrooms and bathrooms, Recovery Residences requirements and finding landlords who are willing to rent to us and charge us rent we can afford as a nonprofit.*

**New Residence:** *Our new men's residence will house ten men at any given time. Our residents sign a contract for a minimum stay of 3 months with the average stay being 6 months to a year. After a year our house managers work with the resident to see if they need to extend their stay or if they feel prepared to live on their own. Lack of affordable*

*housing especially for those with past convictions or evictions on their records is another barrier faced by our graduates so sometimes folks stay a bit longer after they graduate until they can find safe and affordable housing. With this new residence we can serve ten men at one time and depending on how long our residents stay we could serve as many as 17 during the year. Residents leave for the following reasons: completed the program, relapsed and go to treatment, are set back by the court, or are released by us for repeated rule violations. We rarely have empty beds and when we do that is normally because we have accepted an applicant and are waiting for them to be released from jail or prison, a resident has relapsed and has gone for treatment or has been set back by the court--in both of those instances if residents are returning fairly soon we will hold their bed for them.*

**Case/House Manager Salary/25 hours per week:** *This will be a new residence which means we need to hire another staff member to oversee this residence. Case/house managers oversee between 10- 14 residents with 10 being the optimal number of folks we like to see them oversee. Salary funding is always something we struggle to find grant funding for and being a level two certified Recovery Residence we have to have staff overseeing our houses. CTC has always felt this is essential to the well being of our residents as well. We are asking for \$9000 which will fund 1/2 of our case/house manager salary for a year. We are applying for other grants as well and will use monies received from Recovery Works to pay for a portion of the salary.*

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: First Christian Church

Address: 205 East Kirkwood Ave  
City: Bloomington Zip: 47408

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: The Welcome Table

Project Total Cost: 12,080 Grant Fund Request: 4,000

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 50-75/week Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: all

**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$5,000	Church Budget (requesting budget increase for 2024)		x
\$3,000	Gathering Place DF (anticipated amount starting 2024)		x



**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. yearly cost of eggs	3,300
2. yearly cost of milk	700
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## PROJECT NARRATIVE

(No more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

First Christian Church has long been a place that seeks to welcome and support housing-insecure people. Our church has been involved in the Interfaith Winter Shelter and hosted a hot breakfast Sunday mornings for over 10 years called The Gathering Place. When Shalom began serving breakfast on Sunday mornings, our team of volunteers committed to providing breakfast there once a month. Since Shalom stopped serving breakfast on Sundays, a need has arisen for a reliable, healthy, and hearty Sunday breakfast.

The roots of The Welcome Table breakfast grew soon after Shalom stopped serving breakfast on Sunday mornings. One of our members noticed that some of our housing-insecure congregants were coming to our coffee fellowship hour before worship feeling very hungry and they began making hardboiled eggs and buying cereal, milk and OJ. Other congregants saw the need and wanted to help. They pitched in to provide funds to get the breakfast going.

The good news of a place with some free food on Sunday mornings spread and soon our small coffee-fellowship area was bursting with folks coming for food, but not necessarily interested in staying for worship. We decided this needed to be a church-wide ministry, so in 2023 FCC 's Outreach Commission budgeted for and started a continental breakfast up in our larger Great Hall room.

We are committed to providing healthy, hearty (and delicious!) food, wanting diners to know that they are valued guests and offered the kind of food our congregants would provide for their own families. We serve hard-boiled eggs, milk, cereal, oatmeal, fruit, juice, coffee, tea, bread, peanut butter, jelly, american cheese, and an inexpensive deli-meat.

We have since grown from serving around 30 people to serving up to 75 folks a week, which increased food costs significantly. We also noticed that people need food for later as well, and many of our diners have made a sandwich or are taking hardboiled eggs to go. The church will continue to include this ministry in our budget, but the increase in food costs are significant. Furthermore, we have determined that we need to hire a monitor who is trained in de-escalation skills and comfortable engaging with diners when there are safety or health concerns, which also increases our church budget for 2024. In order to ensure that we can continue to meet a growing need, we are seeking our wider Monroe County community's support to purchase eggs and milk, two of the staples of this breakfast in 2024, through this grant.

We named this The Welcome Table breakfast: where all are invited to share a continental breakfast. Our mission is to provide a welcoming space where people can meet their needs for food and fellowship. Our vision is to become a place where people from all economic backgrounds feel respect and care and are able to build supportive relationships with one another. The breakfast is open each Sunday from 8am-9:30am. All are welcome!

Below are the funds First Christian Church has received from the County for service ministries.

Previous Grants Received (for The Gathering Place breakfast)

2016: \$3400

(for Interfaith Winter Shelter)

2013: \$9,600; 2012: \$2,437.50; 2011: \$8,000; 2010: \$4,000

Total: \$27,437.5

**SOPHIA TRAVIS COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS PROGRAM  
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6/10/23

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's 501(c)(3)/nonprofit tax ID number: 

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** Suspended operations at that time (pandemic)

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Girls Inc of Monroe County

Address: 1108 W 8th Street  
City: Bloomington Zip: 47404

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]  
Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]  
Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Her Health Initiative  
Project Total Cost: \$20,000 Grant Fund Request: \$9000

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 300 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 600+

**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$10,000	Individual Donors		X
\$5,000	Nap Credit Program	X	
\$7,000	Special Events		X

## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

(No more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

National Mission: To inspire all girls to be strong, smart, and bold.

Vision Statement: Empowered girls and an equitable society.

Girls Inc. of Monroe County is seeking \$9,000 from the Sophia Travis Community Grant to fund the Her Health Initiative, a program dedicated to intervening and healing childhood trauma and mental health crisis within our local community for school-aged girls ages 5-18. The Initiative seeks to get girls back on track by assessing their mental and physical health and providing responsive care from health professionals. Using our Mind + Body Kit we plan to prepare each child by educating and empowering them to recognize the impacts of negative self-talk, body image, and treatment of others. Ultimately, we hope to empower the girls served to be strong, smart, and bold during the Her Health Initiative.

Using a two pronged approach of in-center programs and partnerships with 5 local schools, we focus on the development of the whole girl. She learns to value herself, take risks, and discover and develop her inherent strengths. The combination of long-lasting mentoring relationships, a pro-girl environment, and evidence-based programming equips girls to navigate gender, economic, and social barriers, and grow up healthy, educated, and independent. Informed by girls and their families, we also advocate for legislation and policies to increase opportunities and rights for all girls.

Mental health has been in the top 5 community concerns in both the 2018-2019 and the 2021-2022 community health surveys, proving that even before COVID-19, the community expressed the need for the programming that the Her Health Initiative provides. However, this need is ever-growing, as studies on the mental health of children, especially students, between 2020 and 2021 show that both groups report increased frequency and severity of anxiety, depression, fatigue, and distress compared to before the pandemic. Unique to this area, Monroe County found itself ranked in the 10 worst Indiana counties for mental health in 2021. Girls specifically are at increased risk for poor mental health.

In February and March of 2022, Emergency Department visits for suspected suicide attempts were 51% higher among girls aged 12–17 than during the same period in 2019 across the nation. The second leading cause of death among adolescents 10-34 is suicide, and bringing awareness to the symptoms of depression and other mental illnesses is critical to influencing young people to seek help before it is too late.

With this the support of Sophia Travis Community Grant, we have the following predicted outcomes of our project: girls recognizing the relationship between emotions and behaviors, girls identifying positive methods for releasing negative feelings, a greater number of girls reporting that they have adopted positive coping skills for stress and trauma, girls practicing self-regulating techniques to return to a calm and relaxed state, girls increasing the amount of time they spend being physically active, and more girls being able to make healthy nutrition decisions.

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Program Supplies (Educational): Workbooks, Technology, Program Kits	\$3,500
2. Program Supplies (Recreational): Sporting goods and Art Supplies	\$3,500
3. Program Delivery (Incentives): T-shirts, Backpacks, Marketing	\$1,000
4. Program Supplies (Health/Medical): Cintas, Nutritional	\$1,000
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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Girls Rock Bloomington

Address: 1300 S. Nancy Street  
City: Bloomington Zip: 47401

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Girls Rock Bloomington Summer Camp

Project Total Cost: \$19,075 Grant Fund Request: \$10,000

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

250
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

300
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$4,775	IU Arts & Humanities In Kind donation of rental space (July 1	Yes	
\$1,200	IU Arts & Humanities stipend	Yes	
\$800	In-kind donation photography, video and audio and luthier se		Yes
\$700	In Kind Donation of food from local restaurants, and orgs		Yes

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Music Equipment & Supplies (7 drum kits, keyboard and stand, mic/stand/cable	\$3,000
2. Camp Director, Instructors and Staff Stipends (includes On Site Coordinator, G	\$3500
3. BIPOC Community Scholarships (Allows members of Monroe County who are i	\$1500
4. Musical Performers and Guest Artist Workshop Teachers (lunch time bands \$1	\$650
5. Final showcase sound engineer, camp photographer and videographer (\$200 €	\$650
6. Supplementary Food (in addition to what's donated) for campers and volunteer	\$500
7. Site materials (GRB T-shirts for volunteers, nametags, decorations, plates, nap	\$500
8. Tech investment for Camp management & software for media projects (Apple il	\$900
9. Art supplies (Basic art supplies such as markers, paper, kid scissors, glue stick	\$300
10. Printing costs (Educational print-outs for instrument classes and workshops, ca	\$100

## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

(No more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

The mission of Girls Rock Bloomington is to empower girls, transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive youth through music education, after school programming, an annual summer camp, workshops, and positive mentorship.

GRB was founded in 2019 by Amy Oelsner after experiencing other Girls Rock programs around the country, and seeing the need locally for music education and performance opportunities tailored to under-served kids. Catering to girls, transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive youth, GRB is able to teach and empower kids who may not otherwise have a safe and nurturing environment for music education and performance, offering spring and fall after school programming, music workshops, and an annual summer camp. The GRB BIPOC Scholarship Fund further aims to help under-served and marginalized youth have the opportunity to attend programming regardless of their family's financial status.

Girls Rock Bloomington Summer Camp is a week-long day camp for girls, transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive youth ages 8-14. Campers experience music lessons, group activities and conversations, workshops, lunch concerts performed by local musicians, and more. Campers are placed in groups to write and rehearse original songs, with guidance from band coaches. The week culminates in a public concert showcasing musical performances from campers. The Saturday Showcase is open to the public allowing the Monroe County community to experience and enjoy the efforts and talents of campers, staff, and volunteers. The concert puts a rare and valuable focus on girls, transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive youth, as an important part of our local community and music culture, inspiring others. In past years there have been up to 200 people in attendance to support the campers.

Girls Rock Bloomington Summer Camp also provides mentoring opportunities for Monroe County youth and adult community members to gain experience in music education, community outreach, and empowering the next generation of girls, transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive youth.



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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Grace Center, Inc.

Address: PO Box 71  
City: Harrodsburg Zip: 47434

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]  
Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]  
Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): [REDACTED]  
Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Food Purchase

Project Total Cost: \$16,600 Grant Fund Request: \$5,000

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

2717
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

2717
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$1000	Clear Creek Township	X	
\$450	Kroger Rewards		X
\$1500	Area Churches		X
\$5000	Community Donations		X
\$1500	Indian Creek Township		X

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Milk/Eggs/Bread/Grains	\$7400
2. Meat/Peanut Butter/Protein	\$2000
3. Dry Goods/Canned Goods	\$6000
4. Hoosier Hills Food Bank	\$1000
5. Produce	\$200
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## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

(No more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

Grace Center, Inc. is committed to providing nutritious food to the southern area of Monroe County. This rural part of the county faces some of the same issues as other larger communities such as Bloomington and Bedford. We struggle with hunger and food insecurity every day, especially with the current cost-of-living increases and supply-chain shortages. Individuals and families who are food insecure do not know each day if they will have food to eat for themselves or for their families. Our neighbors, who we know by name or maybe by relation, fight food insecurity each week. Grace Center Food Pantry knows this from experience. Every week our volunteers talk with and assist clients receiving food from our pantry.

Established in December 2005, Grace Center received 501(c)(3) charitable organizational status on March 22, 2006. In September 2006, Grace Center Food Pantry began serving the area of Clear Creek, Indian Creek, and Polk townships of southern Monroe County. Our pantry is in Harrodsburg. We work from a small space and serve about 30 to 40 households every week and are proud to be part of a solution that helps feed our neighbors living in these rural areas. Often these areas have few nearby outside resources available to them and Grace Center Food Pantry has become a reliable resource inside this area.

Grace Center Food Pantry transitioned to a drive-up style pick-up during the COVID-19 pandemic. As restrictions were being lifted, clientele was surveyed to see if they preferred drive-up or return to client choice shopping. The overwhelming response was to remain as drive-up. We continue to provide client choice on fresh produce, toiletries and miscellaneous items. Food availability at our pantry is accomplished either by monetary donations that purchase food or through individuals or organizations that donate food. These donations come from local churches, clubs, organizations, and individuals and through fundraising events and grant funds such as the Sophia Travis Community Service Grant. Monetary donations allow our volunteers to purchase food from local retailers. Food donations directly benefit our clients. As a member agency of the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, our volunteers can pick up food there every week. Through all these means, the needs of the food insecure at our pantry can be better met.

It is a goal to always strive to provide food that is considered “nutritious.” The first board members made a commitment early on to provide milk, eggs, and bread to every client on a weekly basis and we continue to be committed to this, as well as providing meat and protein, dry and canned goods, and fresh produce each week. We consider these five food categories essential. During the summer and early fall months, generous individuals and families from the community bring in fruits and vegetables to share with clients. Fresh fruits and vegetables spoil quickly. With being open just one day a week there is a certain level of timing, from the time of the donation, food bank pickup or purchase, it all must be coordinated with the day we are open. Purchasing fresh produce from local retailers is sometimes the only option depending on funds availability. From monetary donations to food donations, together they support us in getting the food to our clients for more nutritious meals.

The mission of Grace Center is to not only provide food but to also promote social interaction with our clients. During opening hours, clients normally are individually greeted and assisted by volunteers. And clients also would have had an opportunity to interact with each other and the volunteers. Even with the drive-up style pick-up, they can socialize and connect with us. This can be especially important when clients are elderly or isolated from their neighbors.

The Grace Center will continue to support the southern Monroe County community through our pantry with its dedicated volunteers, who wish to make a difference in their community. Therefore, we submit this application with the monetary request of \$5,000 for assistance from the Monroe County Council to help with the cost of food purchases for 2024. Funding from the grant will be used to purchase the food needed for all clients at the pantry to receive ample nutritious food for themselves and their families. The Monroe County Council has played a vital role in the sustainability of our pantry and has done so since 2009. We do so appreciate this partnership. We sincerely thank you for your time and consideration of our application and we look forward to continuing our long- term relationship.

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**,  
did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Hoosier Hills Food Bank

Address: PO Box 697 (2333 W Industrial Pk Dr)

City: Bloomington Zip: 47402

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): n/a

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Total Cost: \$650,000.00 Grant Fund Request: \$10,000.00

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

<b>52,000</b>
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

<b>25,480</b>
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$114,302	Anonymous foundation grant	Yes	
\$106,518	Feeding America grants	Yes	
\$27,341	Jack Hopkins Grant City of Bloomington	Yes	
\$80,000	Indiana Dept. of Agriculture Food Banks Grant		Yes
\$100,517	Various, private, government & foundation grants	Yes	

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Food Purchases	10000.00
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## PROJECT NARRATIVE

(No more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

Hoosier Hills Food Bank is seeking support for continued food purchasing in support of our 50+ partner agencies in Monroe County. The donated food that we rescue and collect has never fully met the need expressed by our partners and their clients, and the gap has grown exponentially since the start of the pandemic. Unfortunately, the end of the pandemic did not signal a reduction in need as hoped. In fact, demand increased significantly as high gas, food and housing prices took a toll on low-income families and individuals.

In 2022, HHFB distributed over 2.8 million pounds of food in Monroe County through direct service programs like Fresh Friday and mobile pantries, and through approximately 50 partner agencies including Pantry 279, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, Area 10 Agency on Aging, Grace Center Food Pantry, Monroe County United Ministries, Beacon, Inc., Amethyst House and Community Kitchen of Monroe County, among many others.

While the majority of food we distribute is still donated privately or through government commodities, we anticipate purchasing approximately one million pounds of food in 2023 to help keep up with demand. In our most recent agency pulse survey (May/June 2023), only 57% of our agencies reported receiving enough food from us, down from 66% in February. Over half of agencies reported that their numbers were higher than last year and still increasing. Agencies have consistently told us that they are finding it difficult to keep pace with a level of need that reaches that of the height of the pandemic, something we have experienced ourselves in our direct service programs.

Our first Fresh Friday distribution on May 12 was planned to serve 800 families and ended up providing food for 920. We anticipate similar numbers in June and July and have already ordered additional food to meet the new expected service levels. In our first, ongoing survey of these Fresh Friday clients, over 90% indicated that they live in Monroe County.

Every dollar we can obtain for food purchasing extends our ability to provide our partners and therefore their clients with nutritious food. Food purchasing dollars from this Sophia Travis grant will be combined with those from other existing and pending sources to obtain the best variety of food based on needs expressed in agency and client surveys. We appreciate any support that you can provide.

Prior Sophia Travis Awards: 2008-\$12,716; 2009-\$5,161; 2010-\$6,000; 2011-\$10,000; 2012-\$3,800; 2013-\$7,800; 2014-\$7,000; 2015-\$10,000; 2016-\$5,800; 2017-\$5,340; 2018-\$4,800; 2019-\$4,800; 2021-\$3,990.

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Indiana Recovery Alliance

Address: 118 S. Rogers St. Suite 2

City: Bloomington, IN Zip: 47404

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): [REDACTED]

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Experiences with hepatitis C virus and injection drug use amongst participants in a syringe service program

Project Total Cost: \$8000 Grant Fund Request: \$8000

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
N/A			

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Funding for Alicia Suarez (lead researcher) to do 100 hours at \$25/hour	\$2500
2. Participant Compensation	\$2500
3. Funding for Brandon Collis (Research Assistant) to do 80 hours at \$20/hour	\$1600
4. Software for Qualitative Data Analysis	\$1000
5. Printing 2 types of info sheets: one about the research, one about HCV	\$400
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## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

(No more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

The Indiana Recovery Alliance (IRA) requests \$8000 to conduct a qualitative research study into the experiences of our participants who have had or currently have HCV in order to guide our development of best practices and identification of programmatic priorities. The \$7000 will compensate the lead researcher, a research assistant, participants in the study, and also fund the printing of study-related materials.

The purpose of this study is to conduct a 2nd, updated iteration of IRA Board President and Depaw Professor of Sociology, Alicia Suarez's, previous research (data collected in 2004) on illness experiences with the hepatitis C virus (HCV). HCV, the most common blood borne virus, affects 3-5 million Americans and is spread through blood from an infected person. Data from the CDC shows that the incidence rates have more than doubled from 2013 to 2020 (a 124% increase). Sixty-six percent of people with HCV report injection drug use as a probable means of transmission. Increases of prevalence rates are directly related to the opioid epidemic. Previous treatments for HCV had an efficacy rate of 50% and included a yearlong treatment of interferon and ribavirin, both of which had severe side effects. Since the early 2010s, direct acting antivirals (DAAs) have become available and offer over a 95% cure rate with little to no side effects. However, accessing the cure can still be difficult for marginalized populations. Harm reduction organizations have been shown via extensive research to help people learn to reduce harm via safe injection practices, gain knowledge about HCV, and help provide linkage to care to medical providers. Thus, the research questions concern the following: exploring injection practices before diagnosis; the experience of diagnosis; disclosure practices; changes, if any, to injection practices post diagnosis; knowledge of the disease before and after diagnosis; interactions with healthcare providers; access to the cure and experiences during treatment, if applicable; how involvement with a harm reduction organization (syringe service program) has shaped any of the above. Alicia collected data on this topic in 2004, before the emergence of DAAs. She has several peer reviewed publications from that research (available upon request). She is especially interested in how DAAs may or may not now affect experiences with HCV since her last research. Her previous research included any person with HCV. In this project, she will specifically focus on people who inject drugs (PWID) who are most at risk for HCV and are participants in a harm reduction organization. Thus, this research will contribute to medical sociological literature on illness experience with a stigmatized disease as well as substance use discourse. Furthermore, this research will contribute to the literature on how harm reduction organizations shape experiences with HCV and will have policy implications regarding national, state, and local level policies to eliminate HCV.

The Indiana Recovery Alliance (IRA), in Bloomington, IN, was one of the first full-service harm reduction organizations in Indiana with a syringe service program following the HIV outbreak in Scott County, IN. Alicia has been involved as the President of the Board since our inception in 2016. She volunteers once a week during our syringe service outreach hours. Our participants know that the IRA is a safe space and freely discuss their injection practices during outreach hours so we can help give guidance on best practices. Alicia is known to many of our participants and has strong rapport. The IRA has outreach hours 365 days a year. Twice a week, we go out on our mobile unit to the Crawford Apartments and Kinser Flats apartments. She will have a flier with study details explaining the purpose of the study to participants during outreach hours. During every outreach, including at the office, volunteers/employees will verbally read the recruitment script and hand out fliers to interested persons. There will be a QR code so participants can sign up for interview hours via a google calendar. Alicia will have a research assistant, Brandon Collins, a recent Depaw University graduate, only Alicia will conduct the interviews, with Brandon involved in data analysis and the literature reviews.

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Any person over 18 who participates in the syringe service program from the IRA and has had or still has HCV is eligible to participate in the program. Scholars who study substance use strongly support monetary compensation as PWID have long been exploited in research (see Collins et al 2017; Abadie et al 2018; Abudul-Quader et al; Festinger et al 2005). Furthermore, the Urban Survivors Union, a drug users union, insists that researchers recognize PWID' time and experience, and that compensation for participants is best practice for research. Participants who complete the interview will therefore receive \$50 cash at the end of the interview.

Past research, including Alicia's own, reveal that persons with stigmatized chronic illnesses and those who inject drugs, often cannot share their experiences in a judgment free environment. Many enjoy discussing their experiences as they are rarely given that opportunity in a stigma-free context. As someone who is involved in harm reduction as well as decades of participation in HCV national activism, Alicia is well-prepared to provide a safe experience for the participants. She also has lived experience with HCV. Furthermore, participants may recognize how they can contribute to helping others via their participation.

Funding from the Sophia Travis grant will allow the Indiana Recovery Alliance to conduct this essential research that has the potential not only to improve our own practices but the practices of the Harm Reduction movement more broadly.

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Lotus Education & Arts Foundation

Address: PO Box 1667  
City: Bloomington Zip: 47402

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Lotus 2023 Summer Festival Arts Program

Project Total Cost: \$17,300 Grant Fund Request: \$7,800

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

3,500
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

2,500
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$6,000	Business Sponsorships		X
\$750	Specific Individual Support	X	
\$1,750	NEA Federal Grant Dollars	X	
\$750	IAC Grant Dollars	X	

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Rental Items for Lotus in the Park (Tents, tables, chairs, etc.)	\$6,000
2. Performing Artist Fees	\$4,200
3. Staff Labor (Planning & Execution of Summer Arts Workshops & Lotus in the Park)	\$2,700
4. Security for Lotus in the Park	\$1,500
5. Summer Arts Program (Clay Mask Workshops) Supplies	\$850
6. Festival Visual Artist Fee	\$650
7. Medical Staff for Lotus in the Park	\$500
8. PA System Rental	\$500
9. Lotus in the Park festival signage	\$400
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## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

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Since 1994, the mission of Lotus Education and Arts Foundation is to create opportunities to experience, celebrate, and explore the diversity of the world's cultures, through music and the arts. For three decades, Lotus has been committed to showcasing diverse, globally-based artists and musicians in Bloomington and surrounding Southern Indiana communities. Our unique series of public events enrich the community with free activities for children and families, eliminating financial barriers that could limit access to diverse art and music. Lotus activities are organized with accessibility in mind, so audiences of all ages and abilities can be a part of and participate in Lotus programming.

This year is the 30th anniversary of the Lotus World Music & Arts Festival. Included in the four-day festival, Lotus in the Park will provide free access to world art and music for kids and families. This community event will be located at the Waldron Hill Buskirk park on 3rd street in Bloomington. Lotus in the Park will feature an Artist Camp with more than a dozen unique arts demonstrations and activities. Each activity is the product of passionate local partners and community agencies. The main stage will showcase free concerts featuring several global artists from this year's festival roster. The secondary stage will host vibrant artist workshops and guest speakers. The local Food Truck Friday group will schedule a variety of food vendors, and all of this will occur within walking distance of the main festival grounds in downtown Bloomington. These activities will reach an audience of diverse ages, ethnicities, abilities, and social backgrounds and provide free arts education to both local and visiting participants.

The 2023 featured Visual Artist is Michelle Solorzano, a local art instructor. She will lead public workshops throughout the summer, teaching our community about the rich history of mask making based on her life experiences with Carnival in the Dominican Republic. Lotus partners with local youth service organizations every summer to provide fun, educational arts activities for youth who attend summer camps. In the months of July and August, our staff will work with Michelle to host a series of workshops for campers (ages 5-17) from Banneker Community Center and Girls Inc. of Monroe County. Additional public workshops will be held at the 4th Street Arts Fair, and the September occurrence of the IU Arts and Humanities Council's First Thursdays event. In her workshops, Michelle will present participants with examples of finished masks, as well as pictures of traditional Carnival masks. Each participant will make their own mask, and the final products will be on display at the World Music & Arts Festival.

Lotus in the Park is a vital component to the modern iteration of the World Music & Arts Festival. It allows us to balance out each hour of ticketed evening performances with an equal quantity of programming presented without economic barriers. Attendance for these events has grown over the years, and this allows us to highlight the availability of other community resources via our partner agencies, while also adding to the diverse experiences that this community can access. Lotus will continue to follow all local health and safety guidelines in regards to the operation of public events. Hand sanitizer and KN-95 masks are available at workshops and at our outdoor booths. Our volunteers are encouraged to regularly assess their own health and safety level, as necessary.

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APPLICATION COVER SHEET**

Today's Date: 07/07/2023

Applicant's 501(c)(3)/nonprofit tax ID number: 

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  Why not? \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Bloomington Meals on Wheels

Address: 2620 N. Walnut St., Suite 925

City: Bloomington Zip: 47404

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Groceries to Go Meal Kits

Project Total Cost: \$6,240 Grant Fund Request: \$6,240

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

2100
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

2100
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Food for meal kits (450 kits)	\$5,500
2. Staff time for purchasing and coordinating volunteers (1 hours/week x 10 weeks X \$16/hr)	\$160
3. Recipe cards	\$150
4. Cart for storage and moving items	\$200
5. Flyers for outreach	\$200
6. Mileage for food pick-up (5 miles/week x 10 weeks x .625/mi)	\$30
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## **Narrative statement**

The mission of Bloomington Meals on Wheels is to provide nutritional meals to homebound persons who are unable, through medical or physical disability, to purchase and prepare nourishing meals. The service is provided to the ill, disabled or elderly, regardless of income and without distinction as to race, color, creed, national origin or sex.

Founded in 1973, Bloomington Meals on Wheels provides medically-tailored meals to individuals who cannot prepare nutritious meals for themselves due to chronic illness, injury, severe disability, or advanced age. Meals are delivered Monday-Friday by volunteers. Each client receives two meals per delivery, a hot meal to eat at delivery over lunchtime and a cold deli-style meal to refrigerate and eat for the evening meal. All meals are tailored to each client's individual medical needs. Bloomington Meals on Wheels offers 10 medical diets (3 diabetic diets, low-sodium, high calorie, etc.) and a diet order from the client's physician is required to begin services. Bloomington Meals on Wheels delivered its first meals to 5 individuals in 1974. The all-volunteer organization grew to meet community demand and hired its first part-time Executive Director in 2010, serving 72 clients. It expanded to 84 clients in 2013, and again to 96 clients in 2020. It continues to operate with a part-time Executive Director and more than 300 dedicated volunteers.

We are respectfully requesting \$6,240 to provide meal kits to Groceries to Go clients over 10 weeks. Launched in 2021 with support from a Sophia Travis Community Service Grant, Groceries to Go is a mobile food pantry serving residents of Bloomington who are unable to access another food pantry due to health issues or lack of transportation. Recipients may place one order per household per week. Items are selected by recipients, either through an online form or by phone. Volunteers pack the orders and deliver them. Groceries to Go currently serves 25-50 households per week. Food supply is frequently strained, and fresh, nutritious items are most challenging to acquire and distribute.

Each meal kit will include a recipe and all the ingredients needed to prepare a nutritious meal, including fresh meat, oils, and condiments, items that are not frequently available through local food pantries. The kits with recipes will act as a blueprint or roadmap for Groceries to Go clients to prepare healthy meals on their own when they have ingredients in the future. Examples of meal kit menus include: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, and garlic bread; BBQ chicken burrito bowls, with rice, beans, lettuce and tomatoes; Tuna casserole with roasted vegetables; Baked chicken with rice and sauteed seasonal vegetables.

Meal kits will be available for two-person or four-person household sizes, and recipients will be able to order kits through our regular ordering process, both online and over the phone. A different menu kit will be available each week. Some kits may repeat over the 10-week timeframe of the project.



A grant of \$6,240 will support 450 meal kits to provide meals to 2,100 people over 10 weeks. The majority of the funding (\$5,500) will be used to purchase foods for the meal kits, including meats, oils, and seasonings that are rarely available through donated sources. \$550 dollars will be used for supplies for outreach and preparing the kits. Less than \$200 will be used for staff time to order and pick-up food, organize, and manage volunteers in preparation and distribution.

This is the first time we are offering a meal kit option. We will survey recipients over the course of the project to determine how they are using the meal kits, if they feel the access to all components of a nutritious meal is improving their health and nutrition and if the kits or recipes inspire recipients to prepare additional healthy meals for themselves.

If the project is as successful as we anticipate, we anticipate approaching additional funders and expanding the meal kit offerings to Groceries to Go recipients.

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** Transition in Grants Manager Role

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Middle Way House, Inc

Address: 338 S. Washington Street

City: Bloomington, Indiana Zip: 47401

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Rise & Shine Window Protections

Project Total Cost: \$4,329.75 Grant Fund Request: \$4,329.75

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

240
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

200
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Four (4) 1/4" Polycarbonate Window Shields	\$1,660.75
2. (1) Aluminum Sash Framing	\$1,150.00
3. (6) Aluminum Sausage Packs (Weather Proof Sealant)	\$84.00
4. Labor Cost	\$1,360.00
5. Shipping Cost	\$75.00
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## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

(No more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

Since 1971, Middle Way House has been providing services to people in crisis. Today, we provide supportive and empowering services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Middle Way House serves six counties in southern Indiana, and offers services such as Emergency Shelter, 24/7 crisis support, on-scene advocacy, legal advocacy, support groups, and more. At Middle Way House, we work to support all survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking and educate the community through outreach and prevention programs.

Child and Youth Programs are a key element of Middle Way House Programming. Middle Way House owns and operates the Rise & Shine Early Childhood Education Program. Rise & Shine Childcare is a licensed early childhood program serving families who are living or who have formerly lived at Middle Way House's New Wings Emergency Shelter, or the RISE! Transitional Housing. Rise & Shine provides the youngest residents of MWH with experiences that foster their physical, linguistic, cognitive, and social-emotional development. In collaboration with the Middle Way House Prevention Team, Rise & Shine endeavors to break the cycle of violence by providing a safe, stable, nurturing environment for children who have experienced abuse and by promoting health relationships between teachers and children, among children, and within families. There are three learning environments at Rise & Shine: the Caterpillar Room for infants and toddlers, the Butterfly Room for preschoolers, and a courtyard for outdoor play. Rise & Shine serves upward of 20 children a month depending on staffing and license requirements. Children enter and exit the program on a rotating basis as families enter or exit emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Recently, Rise & Shine has had two incidents of a window being broken within educational areas. Because the children participating in Rise & Shine programming are coming from families who have experienced domestic violence, and have therefore had Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES), Rise & Shine faces unique challenges in behavioral responses of children. Rise & Shine work diligently to work with children on acknowledging their emotions and responding in appropriate ways, but there are often response factors that are outside of the control of Rise & Shine staff. Middle Way House has promptly fixed the broken windows, and Rise & Shine staff are constantly improving their quality of care to better meet the needs of children within the program who may be struggling with recognition of their emotions.

The Rise & Shine Childcare Program is located across from the New Wings administrative building, and is in the historic Coca-Cola Building. Because the program is located in a historic building, Middle Way House must follow historic architectural standards, including the type of window that is currently installed in the Childcare Area. Middle Way House is seeking funding to increase safety at Rise & Shine by installing four polycarbonate window shields in the play areas. These window shields would protect the thin windows of the building and improve the safety of the children served at Rise & Shine.

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Monroe County United Ministres

Address: 827 W 14th Ct  
City: Bloomington Zip: 47404

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Improving Public Health Through Cleaning, Hygiene, and Diaper Essentials

Project Total Cost: \$12,965 Grant Fund Request: \$8,465

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
Variable (Anticipated value of \$4500)	In-Kind Donations		X

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. 6,000 diapers and pullups for large infants and toddlers	\$2,460
2. 48,000 baby wipes for families with infants and toddlers	\$905
3. 1,200 units of laundry detergent	\$3,600
4. 1,200 bottles of dish soap	\$1,500
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## **Project Title: Improving Public Health Through Cleaning, Hygiene, and Diaper Essentials**

### **Project Narrative:**

Monroe County United Ministries' (MCUM) vision is to end generational poverty for the people we serve. We support community members in breaking the cycle of poverty through assistance with basic and financial needs, self-sufficiency coaching, and affordable high-quality early learning. At the heart of our mission are our two flagship centers, the Compass Early Learning Center (Compass) and the Self-Sufficiency Center (SSC), which work together to address the root causes of generational poverty in Monroe County.

The Self-Sufficiency Center supports individuals and families on their journey towards economic mobility, financial independence, and personal empowerment. The SSC offers self-sufficiency coaching in the form of Your Path, a participant-directed program based on the Mobility Mentoring framework developed by Boston-based nonprofit EMPATH. In Your Path, participants set effective goals in the areas of family stability, well-being, financial management, education, and career. However, community members are only able to focus on these long-term goals when their immediate basic needs have been met, so we consider the first step towards self-sufficiency to be addressing the community's urgent material needs. To meet these needs, the SSC offers walk-in assistance with a wide variety of essentials – including food, personal hygiene items, cleaning products, diapers, pullups, baby wipes, and menstrual products. We also provide clothing and household vouchers for redemption at our partner agency, Opportunity House.

These services are in high demand. In 2022, Self-Sufficiency Center provided cleaning and hygiene items to 1208 households at an estimated value of \$9,664. The SSC also provided diapers and wipes to 475 families, valued at approximately \$3,197. These numbers represent a 19% increase from pre-pandemic years – since 2020, the SSC has seen growing demand for these essentials from Monroe County residents as inflation and the rising cost of living deplete families' budgets. At first, this trend was balanced by emergency government assistance and pandemic-induced giving, however, the government assistance has since ended, and many donors are now experiencing post-pandemic giving fatigue. This means that the gap between our supply of items and community demand for services is greater than ever, and we no longer anticipate the volume of drop-off and in-kind donations to meet the needs of the cleaning, hygiene, and diaper programs. To meet the community need for these services, MCUM is

requesting \$8,465 from the Sophia Travis Community Service grant to purchase pull-ups, diapers, wipes, laundry detergent, and dish soap for our cleaning and hygiene closet and diaper program. In total, \$8,465 will cover approximately 6,000 diapers and pull-ups, 48,000 baby wipes, 1,200 units of laundry detergent, and 1,200 bottles of dish soap for Monroe County households. These items will fully stock our diaper program for a year and supply our cleaning and hygiene closet with a year's worth of its two most requested items, benefiting over 1,650 Monroe County families.

Cleaning and hygiene are not covered by food stamps and are not as widely available in the community as are more obvious necessities such as food. Similarly, while there are centers in Monroe County that cater to the needs of new mothers, the pull-up needs of mothers with toddlers behind on developmental milestones such as potty training are forgotten. MCUM is dedicated to ensuring all of our neighbors are able to wear fresh clothes, exist in clean living spaces, and maintain their toddlers' hygiene, regardless of their personal circumstances. By providing these services, we address the injustices and indignities of poverty, improve the public health and quality of life of Monroe County households, and give these families the space to focus on longer-term goals.

These services are vital to ensuring that our community's adults and children are healthy and clean. Providing diapers, pull-ups, and baby wipes directly supports families in maintaining the health and hygiene of their infants and toddlers. According to a 2016 study by the University of Connecticut, children whose families received diapers through a diaper bank experienced 33% less diaper rash. Furthermore, the study found that 56% of families relying on childcare have had to miss work due to an inadequate supply of diapers. Supplying working families with diapers allows them to send their children to childcare more consistently, reducing work absenteeism and keeping families employed. And, with 31% of households we serve headed by single mothers, supplying the SSC with laundry detergent and dish soap ensures that Monroe County mothers are able to provide properly hygienic households and livable home environments for their children.

In the long-term, we will sustain this program through increased outreach to the community of the importance of cleaning and hygiene items and diapers. We will also cultivate partnerships with local organizations such as Cook and Indiana University and seek further grant funding from national organizations such as J&J and Pampers. Funding for diapers, pull-ups, wipes,



laundry detergent, and dish soap will ensure that all Monroe County residents can provide a clean and hygienic environment for themselves and their families, directly benefiting their health and well-being. Furthermore, providing these items will allow for sustained engagement between MCUM and the community, resulting in increased participation in Your Path and a long-term increase in the community's self-sufficiency.

**Past MCUM Sophia Travis Awards:**

2022: \$4,480	2011: \$8,000
2021: \$3,500	2010: \$2,000
2020: \$4,160	2009: \$6,900
2019: \$3,400	2007: \$8,600
2018: \$3,500	2006: \$5,000
2017: \$3,800	2005: \$4,000
2016: \$3,755	2003: \$3,000
2015: \$6,300	2002: \$4,000
2014: \$7,000	2001: \$7,000
2013: \$7,400	2000: \$4,000
2012: \$6,519	1999: \$4,000

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  Why not? n/a

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

Address: 1100 W. Allen Street  
City: Bloomington Zip: 47403

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): [REDACTED]

Phone: n/a Email: n/a

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: MHC Pantry Support

Project Total Cost: \$46,000.00 Grant Fund Request: \$11,086.00

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

2,000+
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

1,760+
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$4,164.00	Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)	X	
\$4,000.00	Tri-Kappa	X	
\$1,000.00	Trinity Episcopal	X	
\$3,000.00	SCI REMC	X	
\$10,000	Maximus Foundation	X	
\$5,000	The Arc MLK Day of Service Grant (with Stone Belt)		X
\$7,750.00	Individual Contributions		X

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Hoosier Hills Food Bank Shared Maintenance Charge (SMC)	\$2,836
2. Bus passes for patrons (1,000)	\$500
3. Initiating long-term, meaningful partnership with Stone Belt	\$7,750
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10. Total grant budget:	\$11,086

## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

(No more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard is requesting \$11,086.00 in Pantry Support. Funds will be used to increase access to food for our community by supporting food acquisition through Hoosier Hills Food Bank (HHFB), providing bus passes to patrons, and initiating a long-term, meaningful partnership with Stone Belt.

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard (MHC) is a community food resource center that increases access to healthy food in ways that cultivate dignity, agency, and community. From our low-barrier, client-choice food pantry, to access to cooking tools and classes, and free seeds and plants and a community garden in which to grow, food is at the center of everything we do at MHC. MHC works daily to build a community where food is accessible, equitable, and just, because access to healthy food is a basic human right -- and yet, far too many of our neighbors are denied this basic human right. The latest available data from Feeding America (2021) reports 12.2% of our neighbors in Monroe County are food insecure, a rate higher than Indiana (10.7%) and the United States (10.4%). This equates to 17,050 people in our community without reliable access to food, likely more. Since Feeding America's last reporting of this data, our community has continued to navigate the lingering impacts of COVID-19, substantial layoffs, stagnant wages, and increased cost of living, all factors that drive people to need our services. We've seen this reflected in the rising number of pantry visits, and the corresponding difficulty keeping our shelves and coolers stocked. Through the first half of 2021 (January - June), the pantry supported 25,649 visits. In the same timeframe last year (2022), that number jumped to 37,569. This year, we hit 56,315 visits by the end of June.

Funding from the Sophia Travis Community Service Grants Program will directly support increased access to healthy food for our community in three ways.

- 1). HHFB Shared Maintenance Charge (SMC): As a HHFB Member Agency, MHC pays a SMC for access to hundreds of thousands of pounds of food over the course of the year. In 2022, we shared 737,242 pounds of food with our community. \$2,836.00 will pay for the remainder of our 2023 SMC.
- 2). Bus passes for patrons: In 2022, we asked patrons about their greatest barriers to accessing food. Nearly one third of respondents (31.5%) identified that to be lack of transportation. Lack of reliable transportation is a pervasive problem in our community - one of the top priority items identified by community stakeholders in the 2020-2024 City of Bloomington Consolidated Plan. Bus passes are one of the most commonly requested resources in the pantry. \$500 will afford us 1,000 bus tickets to share with patrons.
- 3). Initiating a long-term, meaningful partnership with Stone Belt: Disability is a risk factor for food insecurity. A 2020 Feeding America report demonstrated a relationship between high rates of disability and high food insecurity in counties across the US. This makes a partnership between MHC and Stone Belt a natural fit, and highly beneficial for our community. Our two organizations are working together to create a long-term partnership, with MHC providing a full year of service opportunities for their members, and Stone Belt members providing much-needed support for the pantry. Our organizations are working on a grant that will provide \$5,000 in additional funding to the project, so long as we can provide \$15,500 and the long term volunteer opportunities. \$7,750 in funding from Sophia Travis will get us halfway there, and will be a point of leverage for additional funds to support this important project. Funds will be used to source food for the pantry.

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**Priority Narrative (in order)**

1. **HHFB Shared Maintenance Charge:** This is a non-negotiable expense for MHC, and so is our top priority.
2. **Bus passes for patrons:** Patrons have identified transportation assistance to be a top need, and so is also a top priority for our organization.
3. **Initial funds for Stone Belt grant opportunity and partnership:** This request is for half of the funds required to receive a matching grant of \$5,000 from The Arc (Stone Belt's Parent Organization). Funding from Sophia Travis for the project will be leveraged to raise the remainder of the funds needed to initiate this long-term, meaningful partnership.

**Previous Grants from Monroe County**

- 2008 - \$4,000 - Food purchase
- 2009 - \$3,780 - Shelves for food pantry to increase capacity
- 2010 - \$6,920 - Expansion of Food Pantry Coordinator position
- 2011 - \$5,000 - Expansion of Nutrition Education Coordinator position
- 2012 - \$6,000 - Expansion of Youth Garden Educator position
- 2013 - \$3,900 - Expansion of Volunteer Program in Food Pantry
- 2014 - \$10,000 - Food Purchase and Pantry Support
- 2015 - \$7,400 - Food Purchase and Pantry Support
- 2016 - \$6,950 - Food Purchase and Pantry Support
- 2017 - \$6,800 - Food Purchase and Pantry Support
- 2018 - \$8,500 - Food Purchase and Pantry Support
- 2019 - \$1,130 - Food Purchase and Pantry Support
- 2020 - \$10,000 - COVID response
- 2021 - \$5,580 - Emergency Food Pantry Support
- 2022 - \$6,590 - Transportation Assistance Fund

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  Why not?

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: My Sister's Closet of Monroe County Inc.

Address: 414 S. College Ave

City: Bloomington Zip: 47403

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): n/a

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Honoring Monroe County's Women Suffragettes - MSC's Bike Rack

Project Total Cost: \$4,200 Grant Fund Request: \$3,450

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project:  Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents:

**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$750	2022 Grant from Monroe County Board of Realtors	X	
\$1,000	MAW Studios (Donation of Labor, valued \$1,000)	X	

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. 1/4"x2"x4" rectangular tubing. 1" solid steel rods. \$60010 gauge steel strapping. 10 gauge sheet steel	\$600
2. Worker Labor (32 hours @ \$50.00 per hour. MAWSTUDIO Mark Wallis (\$1,600 less \$1,000 artist donation)	\$600
3. Powder coating base rack and artwork	\$800
4. Delivery & Installation:	\$200
5. Suffragette Commemorative Photo Plaque 30 " x 16 " \$1,500 estimate	\$1,500
6. Smaller plaque dedicated to recognizing artists, BBR, and MCCC Sophia Travis Grant	\$250
7. Plastic Parking lot stop x 2 (\$150 + shipping + labor)	\$250
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## My Sister's Closet "Women's Empowerment" Suffragettes Bicycle Rack Project

### MISSION:

My Sister's Closet of Monroe County (MSC) was established in 1998 to build a stronger community and promote economic self-sufficiency by providing women in poverty with professional support services and career development tools for success.

### Purpose:

Since its inception, in March 1998, My Sister's Closet of Monroe County, (MSC) has served over 2,800 voucher-clients, and thousands of other low-income and at-risk women professional clothing, interview training, or employment assistance. For each woman served with a voucher, 5 others are assisted in our community. 74% of MSC's voucher clients are homeless or on the verge of being homeless. 64% are past victims of domestic violence, or have a history of childhood trauma, or moving past beyond unexpected job loss, transportation issues, or many of the other challenges affected by those in living poverty that do not have a safety net.

### PROJECT PROBLEM:

MSC has multiple clients, community supporters, and volunteers arriving at our location on bikes. We currently do not have a bike rack to protect their bikes from being stolen, which unfortunately has happened several times at our location. For many women we serve, providing a bike rack in front of our space would completely change a clients' interest in using a voucher, and decrease the anxiety many of our clients and supporters experience while they are meeting with us.

Our clients who rely on bicycles to move throughout the city - for work, medical appointments, interviews, and more often have limited access to jobs and public transportation because they reside in places where the bus does not stop or the hours of the bus are limited because they live or work outside the Bloomington City limits in Monroe County. Because the cost to maintain a vehicle is exorbitant for most clients, the bicycle has become a necessary means of transportation for many homeless and near homeless individuals. This lack of reliable transportation is a primary reason many potential clients were unable to maintain sustainable employment.

### PROJECT SOLUTION:

Historically, the bicycle has long been a symbol of women's empowerment, many crediting it with major improvements in women's rights globally. To the dismay of some, bicycles ushered in change, most importantly, the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote. "During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, women began to escape some of their restrictions by riding bicycles. Despite strong opposition from men, women cycled on, and the bicycle became an instrument of change that subverted the status quo and became a powerful symbol of women's emancipation."

This movement was strong in Monroe County. In 1918, Bloomington resident, Mrs. Agnes Evans, became chairman of a suffrage school in Merom, Indiana. Students learned about women's legal right to vote and about conducting effective campaigns, canvassing, strategizing, and raising funds to support their efforts to enact changes in legislation at the local, state, and federal levels. MSC has acquired one of the historic photographs of local suffragettes with their bikes, which is a critical component in the design of the proposed bike rack at MSC.



MSC is partnering with artist, Mark Wallis, who has helped us design an art-inspired bike rack, that would result in a Commemorative Bike Rack Celebrating Monroe County Suffragettes who got out the word to support the Vote for Women on their bikes.

CONCEPT:

Given all of these factors, MSC has envisioned the creation of a unique bike rack, not only to provide a safe way to secure this important means of transportation, but to recognize the bicycle as an historical instrument of change for women's rights, to honor the legacy of our county's suffragettes (such as Mrs. Agnes Evans and others), and to be a visual representation of MSC's efforts to support and empower current women to become economically self-sufficient. Moreover, this project has garnered the interest and participation of local business leaders and artists, with the collective idea to develop this bike rack into a community point of interest, which may strengthen community and encourage tourism.

MSC has received a \$750 grant from the Bloomington Board of Realtors to install a bike rack, and a \$1,000 artistic contribution on labor from prominent artist, Mark Wallis, to create a one of a kind, usable bike rack that would showcase the determination of strong, courageous women everywhere.. One of MSC's student interns from Indiana University originally imagined the design - including two pink high heels and featuring the historic photo of local suffragettes on bicycles.

The rack will be sturdy and stable, featured prominently in front of My Sister's Closet's current building. Given that City Commissioners future intention to reclaim the building as part of their convention expansion plan, it will also be transportable to a new location.

Double-sided, Commemorative Plaque, copper or a similar metal. 100 year old photo of suffragettes carved into a mounted 30" x 16" plaque on top of the artist bike rack.

REQUEST:

My Sister's Closet is respectfully requesting a Sophia Travis grant of the remaining \$4,200 from the Sophia Travis Grant, to purchase materials, installation, and artistic effort to convert the photo into a long-term laser-etched copper plaque from a historical photo, to construct this one-of-a-kind, point of interest, community bike rack.

## Project Budget:

Bike Rack and Stiletto Artwork Metal & materials:		\$4,200
1) (1/4"x2"x4" rectangular tubing. 1" solid steel rods. 10 gauge steel strapping. 10 gauge sheet steel).	\$600	
2) (Powder coating base rack and artwork)	\$800	
3) Worker Labor (32 hours @ \$50.00 per hour. MAWSTUDIO Mark Wallis)	\$1,600	
4) Delivery & Installation:	\$ 200	
Plastic Parking lot stop x 2 (\$150 + shipping + labor)	\$250	
<u>Suffragette Commemorative Photo Plaque 30" x 16"</u>		\$1,500 estimate
Smaller plaque dedicated to recognizing artists, BBR, and MCCC Sophia Travis Grant		\$250 estimate
Metal Artist Donation of Labor - Mark Wallis		- \$1,000
2022 Grant from Board of Realtors: _____		- \$ 750
REMAINING NEED:		<b>\$4,200</b>



**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

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**PROJECT NARRATIVE**

(No more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: New Leaf, New Life

Address: 1010 S Walnut St. Ste. H

City: Bloomington Zip: 47401

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): [REDACTED]

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Case Management & Transportation Assistance

Project Total Cost: \$48,128.00 Grant Fund Request: \$7,864.00

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

<b>Over 3,000</b>
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

<b>Over 2,950</b>
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$10,000	2023 Monroe County CARES Grants		\$15,000
\$13,750	2023 City of Bloomington Violence Reduction Grant		\$13,750
\$5,752.27	2023 Jack Hopkins Grant	\$5,752.27	
\$5,761.73	In-Kind Donations	\$5,761.73	

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Staff Support #1	\$3,600
2. Staff Support #2	\$3,600
3. Bus Ticket Support	\$664
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## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

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New Leaf, New Life's mission is to support individuals during their incarceration and through their transition back into our community. We empower individuals toward self-advocacy; supporting one another in the spirit of solidarity, not charity. We provide programs and services to individuals in the Monroe County Correctional Center during their time incarcerated as well as post-release. The requested funds will be used to continue providing critical case management services to individuals that are currently incarcerated or have been recently released from incarceration.

Our current highest priority is for salary support for our case managers. We have two case managers that provide a tremendous amount of support to over 250 people per month. On average, each month, our case managers assist:

- 8 people with signing up for SNAP/HIP
- 15 people with obtaining free cell phone service
- 8 people with obtaining a copy of their birth certificate and other personal identification documents
- 9 people with obtaining employment
- Distribute over 165 bus tickets to those in need

Additionally, our case managers provide critical resources and social/emotional support to our clientele. Because our case managers have lived experience with incarceration and substance use disorder, they're able to connect with our client's seeking assistance in a more authentic way. Currently, our overall recidivism rate is 23.6%, which is 9.78% lower than the 2022 Indiana Department of Correction rate. We only anticipate our recidivism rates getting lower, as we've recently been awarded a few grants to support our clients with placement in transitional housing, lowering the rate of recently incarcerated individuals into homelessness.

The award of \$7,864.00 will provide salary support for 16 weeks for 2 staff members, as well as support with purchasing 1,300 bus tickets.



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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** (N/A - Didn't receive in 2021)

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: PALS (People and Animal Learning Services)

Address: PO Box 1033

City: Bloomington, IN Zip: 47402

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: EQUIPT - Programs for Youth in At-Risk Situations

Project Total Cost: 11,750 Grant Fund Request: 9,250

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

<b>150+</b>
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

<b>150+</b>
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$2,500	Duke Engery Grant	X	

## Grant Request Overview

People and Animal Learning Services (PALS) has promoted joy, quality of life, better health, and empowerment by providing equine-assisted programs to the Bloomington community for over 23 years. We are a PATH (Professional Association of Therapeutic Riding) accredited center with certified instructors who are experienced in working with persons with social, emotional, cognitive and physical needs. It has been our mission to make available our special programs to some of our community's most vulnerable members.

One of our most impactful programs has been the EQUIPT program. This unique program helps youth in at-risk situations by engaging in an equine-assisted learning curriculum. Engagement in EQUIPT can act as one tool to help clients develop social-emotional skills, reduce negative feelings and emotions, and increase positive feeling and emotions. Youth learn to communicate with horses and receive the benefits of the human horse connection during times of stress and uncertainty.

Equine-Assisted Learning is defined as an experiential learning approach that promotes the development of life skills that can be related to academic achievement and classroom behavior, personal growth and exploration or professional pursuits such as leadership development, team building and executive coaching. Horses provide an environment for participants to develop leadership skills and trust, and learn how to set boundaries and overcome challenges.

PALS is requesting \$9,250 to provide weekly EQUIPT sessions for 37 weeks.

This funding will go specifically to support our at-risk youth programming for the Youth Services Bureau of Monroe County. Funds will be used to cover the cost of weekly one-hour horsemanship ground classes for up to 10 children each week. The Youth Services Bureau provides temporary housing for homeless youth in Monroe County and have no funding available for recreational activities with therapeutic benefits.

Anecdotal data from educators, parents, and student advisors show that clients who participate in our curriculum have improved outcomes in the classroom environment. Using data from 25 sessions with 104 client experiences over 1.5 years, our survey data indicate that clients tend to report reduced negative feelings as well as report increases in positive feelings in a pre/post session paper survey. Participants report large decreases in stress, sadness, and fear along with large increases in feeling loved and relaxed after their sessions at PALS.

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Program Participation for up to 10 clients/Week - 19 Week Session	\$4,750
2. Program Participation for up to 10 clients/week - 18 Week Session	\$4,500
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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawai'i, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky

Address: 200 S. Meridian St., Ste. 400

City: Indianapolis Zip: IN

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): N/A

Phone: N/A Email: N/A

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Safety-Net Family Planning and Sexual Health Services

Project Total Cost: \$51,866 Grant Fund Request: \$6,200

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

134
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

121
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$7,500	Jack Hopkins Social Services	X	
\$5,000	Bloomington Township Trustee	X	
\$5,000	Wahl Family Charitable Trust	X	
\$4,000	Apex Foundation	X	
\$24,166	Individual Donors		Ongoing

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Subsidized birth control (all types)	\$3,500
2. Emergency contraception	\$1,200
3. Subsidized cancer screenings	\$500
4. Subsidized HIV/STI testing, treatment, and/or prevention	\$500
5. Subsidized gender affirming hormone care	\$500
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## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

(no more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

In partnership with our communities, the mission of Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawai'i, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky (PPGNHAIK) is to advocate, educate, and provide health care to support sexual health and wellness for all. PPGNHAIK is Indiana's largest provider of safety-net family planning and sexual health services. Unlike other providers, PPGNHAIK does not cap the number of uninsured and/or Medicaid patients we serve. The clinical services we provide include: annual wellness exams; the full range of birth control and family planning options; emergency contraception; abortion care and miscarriage management (where/when legal); breast cancer and testicular cancer screenings; cervical cancer screenings, advanced diagnosis, and care (pap tests, HPV tests, colposcopy, cryotherapy, and loop electrosurgical excision procedure (LEEP)); referral for colon cancer and prostate cancer screening; screening and treatment of uro-genital infections and conditions; screenings and referrals for depression, intimate partner violence, sex trafficking, and substance use; pregnancy screening, options counseling, and referrals; preconception and interconception counseling, including basic infertility services; STI risk assessment, education, risk-reduction counseling, screening, and treatment; rapid HIV testing, risk assessment, education, and risk-reduction counseling; pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention; non-occupational HIV postexposure prophylaxis (nPEP); HPV vaccination; gender affirming hormone care; and we are currently working to add vasectomy services in Bloomington and all our Indiana health centers. As a safety-net provider, PPGNHAIK not only provides access to affordable sexual and reproductive health care, but our health centers also serve as many patients' only point of access to primary health care.

PPGNHAIK respectfully requests a grant of \$6,200 to help expand the family planning and sexual health safety net in Monroe County. PPGNHAIK will utilize \$5,000 of the total request to subsidize the cost of care for patients at our Bloomington health center who are uninsured, under-insured, and/or living below the federal poverty level. This \$5,000 in patient financial assistance will be used to help patients access whatever health service they need – birth control, STI services, pap tests, gender affirming hormone care, etc. The \$5,000 will be administered on a sliding scale to patients who otherwise couldn't pay for their needed health service. Special note: No funding from the Sophia Travis Community Service Grant will be used to support abortion access.

In addition to the \$5,000 in patient financial assistance, PPGNHAIK is also requesting an additional \$1,200 to purchase a case of EContra. EContra is an emergency contraceptive ("morning after pill") that is effective at preventing pregnancy up to three days following unprotected sex or a known birth control failure. EContra can be administered to non-patients over the counter, meaning anyone can visit the Bloomington health center and can immediately obtain emergency contraception without an appointment. The \$1,200 will allow PPGNHAIK to purchase and distribute 75 doses of EContra.

For many people in Monroe County, income and/or insurance status remain major barriers to care. PPGNHAIK serves a high percentage of patients who need financial assistance in order to obtain their needed health care. Our Bloomington health center has served 2,528 unduplicated patients over the past twelve months, of whom 41 percent were uninsured or on Medicaid and 66

percent reported an annual income at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level. Although some family planning and sexual health services are inexpensive (e.g., condoms), services like PrEP, colposcopy, and long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs) (e.g., IUD and implant) are too costly for many patients to access. For example, LARCs are the most effective family planning method; however, LARCs can cost upwards of \$1,800 out-of-pocket.

There is a great need to increase equitable access to family planning and sexual health services in Monroe County. Monroe County's teen birth rate for teens who are Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Color (BIPOC) is almost double the rate for white teens. When considering all pregnancies, not just teen births, the CDC's Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) reported that 41.8 percent of all Indiana pregnancies are unintended. The unintended pregnancy rate is 5.5 times higher for those living below the federal poverty level, affecting a disproportionate number of BIPOC women and teens. Furthermore, the Monroe County's chlamydia incidence rate is currently 518.8/100,000 people, which is higher than both the state and national average. High STI rates indicate low condom use, which correlates with higher incidences of unintended pregnancy, HIV transmission, HPV transmission, cervical cancer incidence, etc.

PPGNHAIK has been working to improve sexual and reproductive health outcomes for 90 years, yet our work this year is as crucial as ever. In the coming months, it is very likely abortion will be banned in Indiana. Research from the Brookings Institute and Center for American Progress estimate that abortion bans will cause pregnancy-related deaths to increase by 21-24 percent. Infant mortality rates are also expected to increase by ~10 percent. This is especially worrisome in Indiana, which already has the country's third highest rate of maternal mortality and eighth highest rate of infant mortality. For many people, this is a scary and confusing time. PPGNHAIK has seen the public demand for services like vasectomy, sterilization, LARCs, and emergency contraception skyrocket. It is vital that PPGNHAIK distributes more emergency contraception and continues providing all preventive health services to improve sexual and reproductive health outcomes in Monroe County. This grant will help make those services more accessible for Monroe County residents, no matter their income or insurance status.

Decades of research have proven that equitable access to family planning and sexual health services demonstrably improves community-wide health and economic outcomes. People who can plan their pregnancies and prevent/treat disease are significantly more likely to complete high school, pursue and complete higher education, participate in the labor force, establish healthy relationships, and achieve or maintain economic stability. Thank you for considering a grant of \$6,200 to support safety-net family planning and sexual health services.

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Sojourn House

Address: PO Box 227

City: Stinesville Zip: 47464

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Client transportation and groceries

Project Total Cost: \$15,800 Grant Fund Request: \$7,500

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

96%
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$8,300	General funds/ fundraising	yes	



**Sojourn House exists to defend, restore, and liberate women who have been trafficked.**

Sojourn House is a 501(c)(3) in Monroe County that offers refuge, healing, and restoration in a sober-living program to women 18 years of age and older escaping human trafficking and exploitation.

Through trauma-informed care and a focus on mental health and addictions recovery, women will build resilience, sustainability, and personal success through outreach or in a 24-month residential program. Our downtown outreach and education initiative continues to expand and foster positive results.

**Project in need of funding**

Transportation is a vital part of the outreach and residential programs of Sojourn House. Local transportation is covered by bus passes and, when needed, rideshare models like Uber and Lyft, volunteers, and staff. Many times, our clients in Monroe County need to travel outside the local bus routes to access safe housing, recovery programs, medical specialists, court proceedings, and family reunification milestones. Funding for bus passes, rideshare fees, and gas cards would be a significant burden lifted.

**Phase 1 achievements:**

*Community outreach and training*

- Partnership with the Bloomington Downtown Outreach Program supports full-time Case Manager’s work in the community to support exploited women who are without a safe home.

Case Manager Kim served 22 new women who self- identified or were referred by other agencies as probable victims of human trafficking. The total number of women served since 2021 is 75.

Services included:

<p><b>Material assistance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- personal hygiene</li> <li>- meals and snacks</li> <li>- bags and clothing</li> </ul>	<p><b>Housing assistance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- application fees</li> <li>- rapid rehousing referral</li> <li>- housing search assistance</li> </ul>	<p><b>Transportation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- emergency transportation from trafficking location</li> <li>- to treatment center</li> <li>- to grocery, healthcare</li> <li>- bus, rideshare, volunteers</li> </ul>
<p><b>Addiction recovery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- helped clients identify need for treatment</li> <li>- found facility with open beds</li> <li>- transported clients to treatment and intake</li> </ul>	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- conducted 10 classes for at-risk women in the unhoused population</li> <li>- established future classes in two additional locations</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wrap-around</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- collaboration with multiple agencies has allowed help for women who were “slipping through the cracks” due to trafficking activity</li> </ul>

- As an agency, providing education on Human Trafficking through training for 31 community volunteers and over 286 people across 4 organizations builds the “eyes and ears” of the community to understand and identify the needs of victims.

**Phase 2 achievements:**

*Residential Program*

- The 2022 Sophia Travis award is being used to equip our Certified Peer Recovery specialist with equipment and materials for trauma and addictions work as well as furnish residential spaces.
- Over 637 volunteer hours were donated by members of the community in ongoing physical preparations of Sojourn House and organization of client resources.

Sojourn House purchased a single-family home on property in Monroe County to use as a residential group home for women who have survived sex trafficking. Use of the property is currently limited to 3 unrelated residents but plans for up to 8 women are underway.

The House will be staffed and provide access to therapy and recovery resources for program participants and residents. Women entering the House will complete five phases of a detailed program before graduating into health and self-sufficiency. This five-step Pathway program consists of healing, education, job-readiness, sustainability, and graduation. Each pathway to recovery will be a personally designed plan that is agreed upon by the resident, the case manager, and the director of the House during regular case management meetings.

Many Monroe County community partners will be utilized between intake and graduation. Partners will include Ivy Tech, local businesses, Work One, substance abuse recovery groups, mental health providers, among others. Volunteer opportunities will play a crucial role in the areas of wellness coaching, transportation, life-skills, job-readiness, and mentorships. Our volunteer coordinator makes sure that each volunteer has a background check and the proper trauma informed care training to fulfill their role.

**Anticipated outcomes and strategy for measuring:**

- Expected short-term outcomes of the program include increased access to physical, social, spiritual, emotional, mental health, and substance use disorder treatment, as well as an increase in social skills, job skills, usage of local resources, education, and financial literacy.
- Long-term outcomes include permanent and independent housing, family reunification/restoration, managed mental health, recovery, decrease in public funded benefits, sustainable employment, and financial self-sufficiency.
- Case Management and careful tracking of goal-oriented milestones will be collected regularly and assessed for efficacy.

**Timeline:**

Sojourn House received 501(c)(3) status in March of 2020.

Steady progress has been made in research, best practices, program development, community partnerships and funding.

Opening of the residential program (group home) with limited numbers and functions will begin immediately. Increase in residential participants and functions will increase as local ordinance challenges are resolved.

**Conclusion:**

Sojourn House embodies hope and healing. By helping women escape their traffickers and find freedom in self-sufficiency, Sojourn House will align with and contribute to the “Heading Home” plan of Monroe County.

Women will have full-time and sustainable jobs, financial accountability and literacy, and permanent, stable housing.

*Thank you for your consideration. We hope you will continue to collaborate with us in changing the life-course of women imprisoned in exploitation, addiction, and trafficking.*

**Grants received from Monroe County:**

Sophia Travis Award recipient 2020 (Final Report submitted) \$3,585

Sophia Travis Award recipient 2021 (Final report submitted) \$4,280

Sophia Travis Award recipient 2022 (Award still in use) \$6,230

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Ride share - Uber, Lyft	2,500
2. Gas Cards for volunteer and staff vehicles	2,500
3. Grocery cards	2,500
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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: South Central Community Action Program

Address: 1500 W. 15th Street

City: Bloomington Zip: 47404

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Equitable Barrier Reduction for Families Working Their Way out of Poverty

Project Total Cost: \$60,211.04 Grant Fund Request: \$9,000

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$14,560	SCCAP Staff Time (CSBG)	X	
\$29,735.36	Volunteer Hours	x	
\$2,000	Community Supporter Reoccurring Donations	x	
\$500	The Plant Truck	x	
\$2,000	World Wide Auto	x	

## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

### **SCCAP Mission Statement**

We provide opportunities for low-income individuals and families to achieve personal and economic stability.

### **About Thriving Connections Initiative**

Thriving Connections (TC) is a community of support for families living without enough resources. Participants—called Captains—and their children are matched with volunteer Allies and benefit from one-on-one coaching as they work toward goals in education, employment, and personal growth. Everyone works together to understand and break the cycle of poverty and trauma that families face, and to share their experiences with the wider community. All participants also have goals to identify their unique gifts and what they have to offer TC and the broader community. Captains currently participate in Thriving Connections Guiding Coalition Advisory Groups, Head Start Council of Involved Families, Bloomington Housing Authority Board, City of Bloomington Women’s Commission, and one Captain is an elected Bloomington Democratic Party Precinct Chair.

The Thriving Connections Barrier Reduction Funds are a key component to ensuring that participants and staff are addressing financial challenges in an equitable, efficient, and effective manner. The policy for accessing the funds is managed by the Guiding Coalition Advisory Groups, which are comprised of staff, volunteers, community partners, and Captains. It is designed so that Captains have opportunities to work with their Coaches to anticipate barriers, plan for them, and whenever an emergency arises have a starting point to work through the process of applying for assistance. Emergencies are always emotionally difficult to work through, but with coach and volunteer support and potentially TC financial assistance when available, the fall-out from the emergencies can be lessened and less burden placed on outside organizations. Often the process of seeking assistance with agencies and faith groups that a Captain doesn’t have a preceding relationship with can feel very vulnerable and they often take a lot of the Captain’s time and energy to navigate. There are often feelings of rejection, low self-esteem because they must ask for help, and feelings of failure when they’ve been diverted from their goals. When Captains can access TC funds for the issue, we’re able to leverage our long-term relationships to make the process more equitable and to fold the experience into the coaching support and community reciprocity. As a result, they’re able to move through it without losing too much of the momentum that propels them forward for their families and into participating in community reciprocity and leadership activities.

We are requesting financial support to address the needs of transportation, childcare, food security, and credit health, because we know from our long-term work with our participants that these are the most common barriers for them when working toward financial stability.

## **Transportation**

The Thriving Connections Economic Stability Advisory Group has spent many hours over the past 15 years talking about transportation barriers. Those barriers result in missed healthcare appointments, children missing school, jobs not being sustainable, cycles of limited financial options and purchasing unreliable vehicles, lack of maintenance or affordable repairs, and having to choose between car insurance and other basic needs. Because we recognize these barriers, we do what we can to address them via coaching, mutual aid, and financial assistance. Captains and volunteers practice ridesharing and Worldwide Auto Services comes each fall to inspect and winterize vehicles at a weekly meeting, showing participants how to perform basic checks and giving them a checklist of what the car will need. In addition, TC provides transportation stipends via gas cards for attending meetings, Barrier Reduction Funds have been used for vehicle maintenance and repairs, and the Economic Stability Advisory Group developed a Matched Transportation Savings Account program for vehicle purchase and maintenance.

## **Childcare Assistance**

The Youth Advisory Group developed a fund for Youth Extracurricular Activities as well as a policy for using the Barrier Reduction Funds to address childcare needs. Captains were often faced with the challenge of having to find and afford childcare to be able to participate in community events, training, classes, boards, commissions, etc. They brought the issue to the Youth Advisory Group and a policy was collaboratively developed to determine what activities could qualify for childcare stipends, how much the hourly rate would be for paying a babysitter, and who would approve those requests. This past year, childcare stipends were used for individual Captains to attend a professional conference, a class at the Dimension Mill, the Black History Month Kickoff and Gala, and an all-day community conversation about addressing racial equity within Thriving Connections. Most of the civic engagement Captains have been involved with has remained virtual, but they would like to be able to use childcare stipends for those meetings as they return to in person.

## **Food Insecurity**

The cost of food has outpaced any increases in wages that our participants have seen. This has been discouraging. Many are experiencing the “Cliff Effect” as they reach goals in employment and see decreases in SNAP benefits which translates into time being diverted from other goals into trying to navigate saving money on food and seeking supplemental assistance from food pantries. Thriving Connections provides volunteer donated or SCCAP provided meals at every Thursday night community meeting for around 30-40 people. We have a waitlist of people who are interested in joining the next TC cohort next Spring, which would mean that we would need to budget for an additional 20-30 people (participants, children, and volunteers). Currently, we rely upon SCCAP Growing Opportunities, the Plant Truck Project, and volunteers from various student groups and faith organizations to donate food and/or volunteer hours to prepare the meal. When possible, we also distribute Kroger cards for parents to use over school holidays or to bridge gaps in income.

## **Credit Repair**

In planning for financial stability, we invite banking and financial experts to come to Thursday night meetings and to participate in our Economic Stability Advisory Group. To assist in bridging the gap between the knowledge that Captains gain from the experts, and their ability to achieve some of the goals they have around credit repair, we have used Barrier Reduction Funds to help settle a debt before it goes to collections or has been in collections. All our Captains have goals towards homeownership, and this has been a key step in moving them towards that. Last year, two of our 8 Captains became homeowners!

Finally, the challenge of building community post pandemic has not eased, but we are determined to rebuild our volunteer force and continue to offer a place for people experiencing poverty to find solidarity, hope, and support, just as they have for the last 15 years. We are asking the Sophia Travis committee to support our bold aspirations of building community and making Bloomington a place where our participants' can reach their potential, raise families, and use their voices to make our systems and institutions work for everyone.



## **BUDGET**

### **Priority #1- Transportation Assistance**

Labor donated from World Wide Auto for auto repairs: \$2,000

Ongoing community donations for rideshare gift cards: \$1,000

Donated Hours for the Economic Stability Advisory Group Transportation Committee (3 vol, 1 hr per month\*\*): \$1,038.24

Coaching Time (4 SCCAP staff hours per week\*): \$4,160

**Gas Cards: \$1,500**

**Discretionary Fund for car repairs: \$3,000**

Total = \$12,698.24

Total requested = \$4,500

### **Priority #2- Childcare Assistance**

Youth Engagement activities during Thriving Connections meetings (~2 hrs per week, 40 weeks/year\*\*): \$23,072

Reciprocity through TC community i.e. childcare sharing (~1 hour per week\*\*): \$780

Ongoing Community Donations for Youth Extracurricular Fund: \$1,000

Donated Hours for the Youth Advisory Group(3 vol, 1 hr per month\*\*): \$1,038.24

Coaching Time (3 SCCAP staff hours per week\*): \$3,120

**Childcare Stipends: \$1,500**

Total = \$30,510.24

Total requested = \$1,500

### **Priority #3- Food Insecurity**

Free Meal every week: \$2,000

Growing Opportunities fresh produce boxes: \$1,000

The Plant Truck donated vegetable plants & nutrition programming: \$500

Community Garden for free, fresh vegetables: \$500

Donated Hours for the Captain and Ally Advisory Group (3 vol, 1hr per month\*\*): 1,038.24

Staff Time dedicated to coordinating food needs (3 SCCAP staff hours per week\*): \$3,120

**Kroger gift cards: \$1,500**

Total = \$9,658.24

Total requested = \$1,500

### **Priority #4- Credit Repair Goals**

Expert Speakers from Community Partners to educate on credit reports: \$300

Coaching Time (4 SCCAP staff hours per week\*): \$4,160

Donated Hours on the Economic Stability Advisory Group (4 volunteers once per month\*\*): \$1,384.32

**Cleaning Up Credit Reports (helping families out of collections): \$1,500**

Total = \$7,344.32

**Total requested = \$1,500**

Total Funds Addressing Barrier Reduction = \$60,211.04

**Total Funds Requested from the Sophia Travis Grant = \$9,000**

\*Coaching Time is estimated based on the mean salary of TC staff members

\*\*Volunteer time is estimated based on the monetary value of one volunteer hour in Indiana being \$28.84

**Previous Monroe County Community Services Funding to SCCAP**

- 2009 - \$4,000 to the Circles Initiative (now called Thriving Connections).
- 2015 - \$6,200 for the Growing Opportunities greenhouse job training program
- 2016 - \$3,150 to SCCAP programs
- 2017 - \$2,800 to SCCAP programs
- 2018 - \$2,000 for Head Start playground renovations
- 2019 - \$5,750 for Thriving Connections Captain Training
- 2021 - \$4,080 for Thriving Connections Health Fund

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023?      Yes:       No:       Why not? \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Bloomington St. Vincent de Paul serving Monroe County

Address: 1413 E. 17th St.

City: Bloomington      Zip: 47408

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: 8 [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Keeping people and their clothing off the floor with bed frames and children's dressers

Project Total Cost: \$8,300      Grant Fund Request: \$8,300

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project:       Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents:

**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested. The table will expand by tabbing in the last cell.

Item	Cost
1. 40 queen size bed frames (for two people) – \$50 each	\$2,000
2. 40 twin/full size bed frames – \$45 each	\$1,800
3. 20 twin hybrid bed frames (no box spring needed) – \$50 each	\$1,000
4. 100 plastic dressers for children – \$35 each	\$3,500
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**PROJECT NARRATIVE**

(no more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

Bloomington St. Vincent de Paul Serving Monroe County (SVdP) is an all-volunteer not-for-profit organization that provides aid to Monroe County residents in need.

Mission Statement

SVdP’s mission statement reads: “A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.” That mission is accomplished by providing financial aid and furniture to persons in need regardless of their religious affiliations or beliefs.

Reasons for the Grant Request

Consistent with its prior grant requests to the STCSG program, SVdP is seeking funding for its furniture operation. From 2017 to 2021, grants were awarded for truck maintenance and repair and the purchase of box springs, bed frames, and plastic dressers for children. In 2022, SVdP did not file a grant application.

This year’s application is addressed to two ongoing problems SVdP experiences in its furniture operation:

- (1) not having enough bed frames to distribute with the beds received from donors, and
- (2) not having enough dressers to meet client needs.

These shortages are easily explained.

Bed frames

When a mattress and box spring are donated, whether by an individual or a hotel, the donor often keeps the bed frame for use with the replacement bed. Sometimes, SVdP will receive a “mattress only” donation where the donor replaces bunk bed mattresses but keeps the frame. The retention of bed frames by donors creates an inventory of beds for distribution by SVdP but not enough frames for them.

For example, early in 2023, SVdP received a donation from Springhill Suites of 20 queen mattresses and 20 queen box springs but no bed frames. In May, a sorority donated 25 twin mattresses. On June 21, 2023, an inn donated six queen bed sets, again without bed frames.

Such events, along with individual donors keeping the frames of donated beds, account for the bed frame shortage.

SVdP’s distribution records confirm the bed frame shortage:

	<u>Bed frames</u>	<u>Mattresses</u>	<u>Shortage</u>
June 2021-May 2022	574	653	79
June 2022-May 2023	632	672	40

## Dressers

While donors replace their beds periodically, they tend to keep using the same dressers. The majority of dresser donations received by SVdP are attributable to departing students, the death of a family member, people who are downsizing, and hotels doing remodeling. The bottom line is this: there never seem to be enough dressers available to meet client needs.

A few years ago, with the help of the STCSG program, SVdP purchased 129 plastic dressers for children, making more of the larger donated dressers available for adults. In February 2023, SVdP received a \$500 grant from Psi Iota Xi philanthropic sorority, which funded the purchase of 22 plastic dressers. Within several weeks, all of the dressers were distributed to clients. SVdP's experience demonstrates that plastic dressers for children is a cost effective method of providing a partial solution to the chronic dresser shortage.

The dresser distribution records for the last 24 months support the need for funding to purchase plastic dressers for children:

June 2021-May 2022	532
June 2022-May 2023	504

These numbers indicate several things.

During the earlier 12-month period, SVdP purchased the 129 plastic dressers, resulting in the distribution of more dressers than in the 12 months that followed. Clearly, the STCSG award in 2021 had a positive impact, allowing SVdP to distribute a greater number of dressers.

The other point is this: while SVdP distributed more bed frames and mattresses in the last 12 months compared to the preceding 12 months, the number of dressers distributed went down. If SVdP hadn't received the Psi Iota Xi grant this past February, there would have been 22 fewer dressers distributed, making the difference between the 12-month periods even greater – i.e. 50 fewer dressers would have been available.

These numbers mean that if SVdP has funding for the purchase of plastic dressers for children, it makes a big difference.

### Importance of Bed Frames and Dressers

“Just because a child’s parents are poor or uneducated is no reason to deprive the child of basic human rights to health care, education and proper nutrition.”

– Marian Wright Edelman

SVdP, through its free furniture program, helps people with another “basic right” – i.e. their living conditions. Bed frames and dressers for children are a small but vital part of SVdP's mission.

A bed frame performs several important functions:

- Provides ample support for better sleep
- Prevents the mattress from sliding around and becoming a tripping hazard
- Prevents mold, insects, and dirt from getting in or on the mattress

Moreover, a bed with the frame provides storage space underneath and simply looks better.

By providing frames with the beds delivered to clients, SVdP brings normalcy and dignity to daily life. From a practical standpoint, a shortage of frames would leave clients the choice of giving up the benefits of a bed frame or having to purchase one from already limited finances.

Imagine a child's room where the clothing lies in piles on the floor. Such a scene isn't fiction, but something witnessed by SVdP furniture volunteers many times. A three or four drawer plastic dresser provides some of the same benefits as a bed frame — cleanliness, storage, normalcy and dignity — at a reasonable cost.

A single parent or family with two or more children and on a limited budget, however, might not have the means to purchase even a reasonably-priced dresser for each child. With the grant funding being sought, SVdP will provide those dressers.

#### Proposed Spending of the Grant Award

The purchase of 100 bed frames will solve the existing shortage and create a supply of extra frames in all sizes to pair with incoming beds that have no frames. The purchase of 100 plastic dressers will allow SVdP to meet the client demand for dressers for children through the winter months when furniture donations are greatly decreased.

If these items can be acquired on sale, more units will be purchased than proposed in the application, benefitting even more clients.

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If you received a STCSG Award in 2021, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  Why not? N/A

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Stone Belt Arc, Inc.

Address: 2815 E. 10th Street

City: Bloomington Zip: 47408

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Hand in Hand Project

Project Total Cost: \$5,000 Grant Fund Request: \$5,000

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

1,000+
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

1,000+
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OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT Includes Stone Belt clients, Community Kitchen clients, and children through backpack buddies.

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
	<u>The equipment is reusable so the number will grow annually.</u>		



**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the Itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. (5) 55-Gallon cardboard fiber drums	\$1,150
2. (5) decals in vinyl	\$350
3. (5) 55 gallon drum dollys with brake	\$450
4. (50) T-shirts	\$1,000
5. (5) Stand-up banners	\$1,300
6. (650) Chip clips with hand in hand logo	\$750
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## PROJECT NARRATIVE

(No more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

Stone Belt Arc is a nonprofit organization that provides education and support for people with disabilities. Established in 1959 in Bloomington, Indiana, by nine families with children with disabilities, the founding families envisioned educational and community-inclusion opportunities for their children, which did not exist then. The oldest and largest agency of its kind in south-central Indiana, Stone Belt provides support to more than 1,000 people. Stone Belt believes in the uniqueness, worth, and right to self-determination of all individuals. Stone Belt's mission is to prepare, empower, and support individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to fully participate in the life of the community. Stone Belt provides residential, employment, manufacturing, life skills training, family support, child development, and psychological services to help people actively participate in their community. Core services are provided to individuals with developmental disabilities, such as cognitive and intellectual challenges, autism, and cerebral palsy. Stone Belt also serves children at risk of having disabilities and children with anxiety disorders.

In a statement from the Bureau of Labor Statistics released in February 2023, 78.7 percent of individuals with a disability were unemployed in 2022. Stone Belt firmly believes that all people have contributions to make and that services should emphasize activities that provide personal growth and self-advancement and enhance each person's capacities to contribute to the greater good of the community. In many ways, culture equates a person's employment with the ability to make a valuable contribution. Stone Belt strives daily to help people with disabilities find careers in which they can demonstrate their competencies so they have rewarding, empowered lives of self-sufficiency. While some individuals can attain employment and thrive, not everyone can find or maintain employment. With most of the clients Stone Belt serves being either unemployed or underemployed, community integration and high self-esteem are areas that individuals with disabilities can have difficulty attaining.

The Hand-in-Hand Project was established in 2006 by parents struggling to find meaningful employment for their son, who has a significant form of autism, exiting high school. After multiple attempts to find any suitable placement in the community, they realized their son would need more support than any employer was willing to offer to maintain the focus required to sustain paid employment. This was a difficult truth to confront, as one's identity is often closely associated with one's career.

Jon's parents began discussing volunteer opportunities with the school; the available volunteer opportunities were a struggle for Jon, too. With options increasingly limited, Jon's parents decided to invent a volunteer job. This volunteer job would later become the Hand-in-Hand Project. Jon's parents talked to neighbors about making food donations to Community Kitchen, Bloomington's "safety net" for people who have not yet achieved food security. Once donors were found, Jon went to his neighbors' homes weekly to pick up food donations and take them to Community Kitchen. The project was designed so Jon could be given a task that would be accomplished through steps A, B, C, and repeat, with unlimited prompting and within his own time. Though unpaid, this opportunity had a significant impact on Jon's life.

## PROJECT NARRATIVE

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This project has become one of the most significant single contributors to the Community Kitchen, contributing 5 percent of total food donations of over 8,000 pounds over the past year. Our food drive on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 2023, raised over 4,320 pounds for Community Kitchen. These donations have been utilized for daily dinner service for thousands of community members and in meals prepared for Community Kitchen's more substantive program: "Feed our Future," which provides more than 986 meals and snacks to at-risk children and youth in after-school programs every week. These meals and snacks are provided to children at all three Boys & Girls Clubs (Main, Crestmont, and Ellettsville), the Childcare Program at Middle Way's The Rise, Banneker Community Center, New Hope Family Shelter Children's Program, and "Backpack Buddies," which distributes approximately 300 backpacks of food to selected low-income children at 21 local schools. Children receive a backpack of food each week to help their families with weekend food needs. Community Kitchen calculates the reach of its services by counting program participants, and meals served. Stone Belt evaluates the program's effectiveness through items delivered, households participating, and observation of increased independence in individuals with disabilities.

The Hand-in-Hand project has enabled our community to provide individuals with developmental disabilities with an opportunity to have meaningful daily volunteer service work while providing the community with an easy and practical way to regularly contribute non-perishable items for donations to help those in need. Participating households are then tied to the more significant needs of those who experience hunger in our community. While this program is self-sustaining, we are requesting \$5,000 in granted funds to purchase food drive equipment so that the program continues to expand for both regular donations and special drives.

If this program is funded through a Sophia Travis grant, we would add a "sponsored by" message on the barrel decals so that donors would know that the Sophia Travis grant sponsors a program that not only supports Stone Belt's mission of preparing, empowering, and supporting people with disabilities to participate fully in the life of the community but also supports Community Kitchen of Monroe County's mission to work alone and in collaboration with others, to eliminate hunger in Monroe County and surrounding areas. The grant funding will also be featured in our CapStone newsletter, sent to over 800 donors in our community, and through our social media channels which made over 450,000 impressions in 2022.

I appreciate your consideration.

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** Did not receive grants in 2020 or 2021

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: The Warehouse

Address: 1525 South Rogers Street  
City: Bloomington Zip: 47403

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Tiny Tots tree house

Project Total Cost: \$10,412.24 Grant Fund Request: \$4,500.00

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

4,663
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
3,600	General Fund salaries from monthly donations	X	
2,500	Fund raising campaign		X

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Metal frame for tree houses	2000.00
2. Hardware	719.00
3. 2x4s	444.96
4. 4 x 8 Plywood	398.28
5. Sprinkler heads (four one for each of the tree house goal is to have four)	3500.00
6. Fire retardant for all wood	150.00
7. Labor	3600.00
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**PROJECT NARRATIVE**

(No more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

The Warehouse is a community center for kids and families in Monroe and surrounding counties. Whereas some community centers require a membership fee, The Warehouse is free during our open hours. The focus of The Warehouse is to provide a safe place for families and teens to enjoy sports, recreation and the arts. One of our goals is to engage individuals who enter our building and develop relationships with all in order to share the love of God through the story of Jesus. Two primary time slots are offered Monday through Friday during our open hours for a variety of activities. The first slot is our Tiny Tots playtime—between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm—dedicated to providing a safe indoor playground for young children and their parents; this area is in the front part of the building. The second slot is general open hours—between 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm when the entire building is open to all. Some of the activities available during open hours include a skateboard/BMX park, parkour, basketball, soccer, volleyball, weight room, rock climbing, trampolines, table games, and many other activities.

The Warehouse is a faith-based, publicly-held, non-profit, community-based organization operating out of a 210,000 square foot building in the heart of Bloomington directly across the Bline from the newly developed Switchyard Park. The facility began open hours for youth and families in 2015 and recorded exponential growth during the first five years of operation, reaching 72,000 visits in 2019. Since there is no admission fee during “open hours” for families, our target market is the poor and working poor. However people from all walks of life spend time in the facility.

One of the areas with consistent growth at The Warehouse is the children’s play area or the “Kid’s Zone”. The Kids Zone is used by many children from birth to age twelve who come and experience a great play time with parents and siblings. The Kids Zone is not baby-sitting area but a cool or warm place to have fun with your children. Activities are age appropriate and provide lots of opportunities to create lasting memories in a safe environment. No electronics can be found in the front room since everything is hands-on. The goal of the play ground expansion is to create more activities for parents to expand their child’s imagination. The plan is to move higher and add four tree houses. These themed tree-houses will be attached to four supporting I-beams in the front area. Each space will represent a different culture and time in history. We will get input from parents on the four themes for the new tree-houses.

As a side note, the Kids Play Zone has become an area where supervised visits occur. One of the comments made by a parent said how nice it was to be able to visit their child without it feeling like a “supervised” visit. Our hope is that the Kids Zone can also be a place for restoring broken relationship and reuniting families.

Current registered individuals by age:

Age	Number
0-6	2,015
7-12	2,648
13-18	2120
19-21	703
22+	4320

The Warehouse does not have address of individuals who come to the facilities, though the majority claim Monroe county to be their home. The above numbers do not represent any of the

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  Why not? \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: WFHB Bloomington Community Radio Inc.

Address: 108 W 4th St.

City: Bloomington Zip: 47404

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: New Portable Mixer for Youth Radio

Project Total Cost: \$4302.00 Grant Fund Request: 4302.00

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

50+
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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

50+
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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Behringer X32 Compact 40-channel Digital Mixer and ATA Mixer Case	2799.00
2. Behringer S32 32-input / 16-output Digital Stage Box	1199.00
3. Gator G-PRO-4U-19 Pro Series Rack Case	185.00
4. Pro Co C270201-150F Shielded Cat 5e Cable with etherCON Connectors	119.00
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## PROJECT NARRATIVE

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Youth Radio was established in 1995, and has been an integral and vibrant part of WFHB's nearly 30 year history and mission to provide an open forum for the exchange and discussion of ideas and issues, and to celebrate and increase the local cultural diversity. The Youth Radio program invites young people of all backgrounds to learn basic audio production skills, to participate in a diverse community volunteer organization, to be mentored by experienced media producers and engineers, and to empower them to create live on-the-air shows that their age-peers in the community can hear voices like their own.

Those voices are given amplification in the form of a weekly 4-hour block of live radio airing every Saturday evening from 6-10pm where they are encouraged to express their views, ideas, and artistry in whatever form is the most comfortable to them. This generally takes the form of live radio DJing, interviews and journalistic reports that are supervised by the news department, creating original shows that the participants have a hand in producing, and curriculum centered around live radio and post-production.

Youth Radio has done well with its current recording and production equipment, but as the program has grown, so has its technical needs. One of the avenues Youth Radio has been making strides in is the recording and broadcasting of young bands in Monroe County. Youth Radio is striving to better support the Monroe County music community of young and under-age performers, just as WFHB supports the music community in clubs around the area. Our goal is to expand perceptions of diversity in the music being made by adolescents and young adults in our area, and capturing high quality recordings that are appropriate for rebroadcasting during the Youth Radio block on-air.

The success of this project would enable us to partner with youth music organizations more readily, for example Girls Rock! Bloomington's yearly camp showcase, the burgeoning hardcore and punk bands that perform at the all ages venues in town and even making contact with select undergraduate groups within the Jacobs School of Music looking for a more community-based outlet for their music.

Currently Youth Radio has no way to provide a quality and reliable multi-track recording of these proposed groups. We feel this is a key element in the program's efforts to provide more services that benefit both the young Monroe County residents and the community as a whole. Youth Radio has always attempted to present information and artistic vision with as much clarity and integrity as possible. Equipment that would allow us to record and mix ensembles of any size with professional fidelity would help us maintain that integrity.

Acquiring this equipment would also give our engineering pedagogy another much needed chapter of focus. Teaching participants how to engineer with equipment that is common in venues around town as well as the country as a whole gives them practical skills they can use at a later time and will hopefully embolden them to pursue their own projects within Youth Radio and as they move forward into adulthood.

We are excited about this new chapter in Youth Radio history and look forward to finding new ways to support Monroe County youth. In the past 2 years, WFHB has managed to reignite the Youth Radio program after COVID protocols loosened and received funding for the program from the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County, as well as receiving a 3-year grant from a private family foundation to fund the position of our full-time Youth Radio Director. Because of these funds the program is growing swiftly and stronger than ever before and funding

**SOPHIA TRAVIS COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS PROGRAM  
APPLICATION COVER SHEET**

Today's Date: 7/12/2023

Applicant's 501(c)(3)/nonprofit tax ID number: 

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:

**Why not?**  
Monroe County Council has given Wheeler Mission an extension to file our Shelter Diversion progress report on utilizing 2021 Sophia Travis Community Grant Program funding by the end of 2023.

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Wheeler Mission

Address: 215 S. Westplex Ave.

City: Bloomington, IN zip: 47404

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Wheeler Mission Meal Service Supplies

Project Total Cost: \$7888.61 Grant Fund Request: \$7,888.61

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 1,134

Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 1,134

**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
	Wheeler Mission-Bloomington does not expect any additional funding for our Meal Service Supply project.		

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Four-Pan Open Well Commercial Electric Stainless Steel Steam Table with Sneeze Guard	\$1,566.99
2. Eight (8) Lifetime 22673 72" Round White Granite Plastic Folding Tables	\$1,939.92
3. Fifty (50) Hercules Series 880 lb. Capacity Black Ultra-Compact Stack Chairs	\$1,799.50
4. Regency 24" x 60" Green Epoxy Drying Rack 4-Shelf Kit	\$448.49
5. Two (2) Steelton 30" x 96" 18 Gauge 430 Stainless Steel Work Tables with Undershelf	\$479.98
6. 300 Value Series Clear 12 Oz. Pebbled Tumblers (25 Cases of Twelve)	\$292.25
7. 300 Carlisle P61405 10" x 14" Polypropylene Six Compartment Trays	\$1,197.00
8. Choice 33 3/4" x 21" x 37" Knocked Down 18 Gauge Stainless Steel Three Shelf Utility Cart	\$114.49
9. Choice Prep Standard Duty #10 Manual Can Opener	\$49.99
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## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

(No more than 1000 words; please use 12 pt font, add multiple pages as necessary)

Wheeler Mission—Bloomington is pleased to approach Monroe County Council to apply for needed kitchen equipment supplies funding support through the Sophia Travis Community Service Grant Program. Altogether, Wheeler Mission—Bloomington is asking Monroe County Council to consider awarding a grant totaling \$7,888.61 to specifically be earmarked toward purchasing one commercial four-pan electric stainless steel steam table, eight round folding tables, fifty cafeteria chairs, a stainless steel dish drying rack, two commercial stainless steel meal preparation tables, 300 commercial tumblers, 300 six compartment cafeteria trays, a commercial stainless steel service cart, and a ten inch commercial can opener for our daily meal service program where Wheeler Mission—Bloomington serves individuals experiencing homelessness, as well as anyone in need of a meal from the general public.

Upon successfully merging with Backstreet Mission in 2015, Wheeler Mission—Bloomington has been faithfully providing low-barrier emergency services and long-term, residential transformative programming for individuals experiencing homelessness in Bloomington, Monroe County, and South-Central Indiana. Nearly 1,300 individuals, on average, visit our Westplex Avenue campus, located off of West 3rd Street in Bloomington, for daily meals, clothing, showers, toiletries, case management, referrals, overnight shelter, community day room access, life skill classes, among other services each year.

With nearly 400 guests visiting Wheeler Mission—Bloomington's campus for the first time in 2022, each arrival and stay is identified by a unique set of circumstances, including but not limited to, physical/mental illness, substance abuse, medical emergencies, joblessness, financial loss, underemployment, and housing insecurity, among others.

Thankfully, as our community's largest shelter provider, Wheeler Mission—Bloomington is in a position to offer low-barrier emergency services each day and understands the importance of collaborating with other community service providers; specifically, through coordinated entry to identify next steps for securing community resources for Bloomington's most vulnerable citizens.

Wheeler Mission—Bloomington prides ourselves on our position of providing low-barrier emergency services, such as daily meals, where our team and community volunteers accept individuals as they are and provide a safe, warm place of shelter for those who may have no other option. A neighbor experiencing homelessness can show up at our Bloomington campus just as they are without the need for an ID, fear of a warrant check, or drug/alcohol screen.

## Continued Wheeler Mission—Bloomington Project Narrative

Our Board of Directors, Executive team, and Bloomington team are ecstatic that we were able to successfully transition our emergency shelter services guests from our Center for Men location (215 S. Westplex Ave., Bloomington, IN 47404) to our new emergency shelter services facility (201 S. Westplex Ave., Bloomington, IN 47404) the first of December this past year.

Such a move has proven pivotal as Wheeler Mission—Bloomington’s Center for Men now operates as our exclusive long-term programming site, along with our administrative offices and our cafeteria where Wheeler Mission-Bloomington serves three meals every day (including holidays), as well as evening snacks, to our guests experiencing homelessness, as well as the general public seeking free meal services.

As one of our primary measures of hospitality, since 2017, Wheeler Mission—Bloomington has served a staggering half a million plus meals to our neighbors in need. On average, our culinary team, primarily consisting of community volunteers, daily welcome 100 (and, usually more in inclement weather months), individuals to our campus’ cafeteria (where Wheeler Mission—Bloomington serves at least 250 meals a day, on average). Mornings begin with a 7 a.m. breakfast, lunch is offered from Noon to 1 p.m., dinner is prepared and served from 5 to 6 p.m., and a snack is available for our guests experiencing homelessness, beginning at 7 p.m. To put our meal service program in perspective, Wheeler Mission—Bloomington was fortunate to provide 77,624 meals to our community’s most vulnerable this past year, and our leadership team is fully expecting the need for our free meal services to continue to increase.

Thankfully, Wheeler Mission—Bloomington partners with several local restaurants and grocery stores where we accept a variety of non-perishable and perishable food items to successfully repurpose back into our meal service program. A few of our (weekly) meal service collaborators include, five Kroger locations, Cheddar’s, Longhorn Steakhouse, Red Lobster, Panera Bread, Chick-fil-A, Kentucky Fried Chicken, among others.

Considering there are very limited free meal programs within the westside of Bloomington’s food desert, Wheeler Mission—Bloomington’s leadership team understands the importance of continuing to lovingly share our ongoing efforts to serve breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks to those in our care.

With the transition from Backstreet Mission’s high-barrier shelter operations to Wheeler Mission—Bloomington’s low-barrier commitment to our guests experiencing homelessness, our average nightly census has increased by 300% since our fire suppression system within our campus’ Center for Men was successfully installed in 2018. Additionally, Wheeler Mission—Bloomington has overseen our community’s Winter Shelter Program; specifically, between November 1 and March 31 each of these last four years, once our community’s Interfaith Winter Shelter program dissolved.

As a result, Wheeler Mission—Bloomington’s commercial kitchen within our Center for Men facility; specifically, our kitchen’s commercial food equipment, has continually depreciated over time with the increased demand for meal services.

As part of Wheeler Mission—Bloomington’s three-to-five year strategic planning efforts, our leadership team has evaluated our infrastructure within our commercial kitchen and has determined the aforementioned commercial kitchen supplies are necessary to more effectively and efficiently serve three meals each and every day, including holidays.

Therefore, a grant award from Monroe County Council’s Sophia Travis Community Service Program toward Wheeler Mission—Bloomington’s Meal Service Program would allow our team and community volunteers to continue provide an open, welcoming, kind and compassionate environment to meet the complex needs of our guests experiencing homelessness, as well as anyone in need of a meal.

**SOPHIA TRAVIS COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS PROGRAM  
APPLICATION COVER SHEET**

Today's Date: July 5, 2023 Applicant's 501(c)(3)/nonprofit tax ID number: 

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2021**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2023? Yes:  No:  **Why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: Writing for a Change Foundation/Young Women Writing for a Change

Address: PO Box 6657 Bloomington, IN 47407

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Secondary Contact: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Grant Writer (if different from above): [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Title: Youth Program Instructors

Project Total Cost: \$9,670 Grant Fund Request: 3,000

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project: 

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 Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents: 

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**OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT**

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
3K	Indiana Arts Commision	x	
3K	Bloomington arts Commision		x
\$670	Money from annual fund drive	x	

**GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION**

Please list the itemized and prioritized (1 = highest funding priority) program elements for which funding is requested.

Item	Cost
1. Teen Summer Camp 2 facilitators	3,000
2. Teen Writing Series: 4 sessions; 2 facilitators	\$920
3. The Academy HS Circle 12 weeks 2 facilitators \$15 per class	\$360
4. Summer Camp Week I for 4-8 grades 2 facilitator + 1 assistant	\$3225
5. Summer Camp Week II for 4-8 grades 2 facilitator + 1 assistant	\$3225
6. Youth Writing Series: 4 sessions; 2 facilitators	\$920
7. Hike and Write I 2 facilitators	\$240
8. Hike and Write II 2 facilitators	\$240
9. 2 six week elementary circles 2 facilitators \$15 per class	\$360
10. Additional Youth Outreach Circle 2 facilitators \$15 per class	\$180



## **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

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Our mission is to create safe and inspiring learning opportunities for individuals who wish to pursue the art of writing as a tool for growth and change. We believe in the power of writing to connect people to the deeper parts of themselves and to one another. We believe that creative and conscious communities hold the key to positive transformation in our world. We provide an attentive setting in which every voice is honored, nurtured, and celebrated.

The Writing for a Change Foundation/Women Writing for a Change began holding youth writing circles in 2008. We believe in the power of writing to lift up and celebrate young women's voices. We are very proud of our long history of serving girls and trans youth through our unique writing environments. We believe that writing and telling ones story are vital in helping young women develop and maintain their voices through adolescence and into adulthood.

Historically, our youth programs serve young writers in two age groups: 4th-8th grades and 9th-12th grades. We welcome girls, trans girls, and non-binary youth into our writing circles. In recent years, due partially to the pandemic changing our ability to hold in-person circles, we have experienced a decline in teen participation. We are working to build our teen programs back up in the coming year, so that we are offering writing experiences to a wider age range of youth. We think our location close to town and Middleway House plus our unique community based writing practice gives us an ideal teen/young adult program option.

Our programs are planned and held by trained facilitators who have taken our feminist leadership facilitator training course, have experience leading writing circles, and have a current criminal background checks on file. We hire these individuals as Independent Contractors and compensate them at a specific rate, based on the number of writers in each session. Our request is to help us defray the cost of leading these circles as we charge a below-market rate for participation and offer full scholarships as needed.

Our priority for the Sophia Travis Grant as reflected in the itemized budget above is to fund facilitators for teen camps and teen programs. We believe there is a great need to serve teens in Monroe County. We are asking for \$3000 of our \$9000 youth facilitator budget to be directed at teen programming.

We have applied in the past for a Sophia Travis Grant to help support our youth programming and are deeply appreciative of the Council's support of our programs. We believe Sophia would be pleased.

Past Monroe County Grants:

2019-\$2500  
2021-\$1920