

CITY OF MARYSVILLE AGENDA BILL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR ACTION

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: May 23, 2022

AGENDA ITEM:	
Marysville Human Services Grant	
PREPARED BY:	DIRECTOR APPROVAL:
Dave Hall	Tara Mizell
DEPARTMENT:	
Parks, Culture and Recreation	
ATTACHMENTS:	
Funding Recommendation	
BUDGET CODE:	AMOUNT:
	\$200,000.00
SUMMARY: The City of Marysville received 16 applications for the Human Services Grant with a total funding request of \$755,019.10. The selection committee used a rating tool to rate each submission. The committee recommends funding 5 agencies totaling \$200,000.	

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

I move to accept the Human Services Grant Committee recommendation to provide grant funding to St. Joseph's House, The Marysville Food Bank, LINC NW, Saint Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army.

Funding Recommendation

1. St. Joseph’s House	\$55,000
2. Marysville Food Bank	\$25,000
3. LINC NW– Cold Weather Shelter	\$55,000
4. Saint Vincent de Paul	\$35,000
5. Salvation Army	\$30,000
Total	\$200,000

St. Joseph's House

SJH Clothing Bank is currently the only organization of its kind in the Marysville community. Services provided include free monthly shopping opportunities for essential clothing items for all individuals and families experiencing financial hardship. We launched a successful back-to-school event in 2021, allowing all families to stock up on much needed school appropriate clothing and shoes. We will continue this event in 2022 and are currently partnering with the Marysville School District to ensure that all Marysville families are aware of and have access to the services provided at the event. Along with providing clothing essentials, SJH also extends additional resources to our clients, connecting them with all of the valuable services that the Marysville community has to offer. As the need for our resources reaches an unprecedented high, SJH is eager to continue our mission of building hope by clothing our community. The funds requested will assist the general work of SJH as well as provide us the financial support that is essential to continue our mission. Funds will be used to help pay for operating expenses along with our goal of expanding in 2022. SJH is quickly outgrowing our current location due to an increased need within the community and we are looking forward to a larger space to meet that need. We are currently seeking a larger property and we are eager to stay within Marysville city limits. Funding would provide us the additional financial assistance needed for moving and expansion.

Marysville Food Bank

The funds will be used to back our general operating expenses for food that includes our highly successful Food For Thought Backpack Program, A Simple Gesture, Senior Home delivery and Toy Store Program. We will provide healthy nutritious food items to help our clients on a weekly basis. The amount food items we provide allows clients to use the money saved for transportation to and from work, help with costs of prescriptions and household bills. We strive to provide that each family is served fresh protein items such as eggs, milk, cheese along with meat items each week.

LINC NW– Cold Weather Shelter

The economic effects of the pandemic are still looming and families have been forced to choose between paying for essential items and paying for their housing expenses. As moratoriums lift and landlords start enforcing the unpaid balances of tenants we are seeing eviction notices monthly. Funding for Rental and Utilities Assistance has been approved by the Snohomish County Emergency Food and Shelter Program board and LINC NW will be distributing \$150,000 through The Center. In 2021 LINC NW was awarded \$10,000 of CARES funding to distribute to community members in need of rental and/or utility assistance. This grant allowed us to learn a rhythm for distributing funds and building up strong systems of support. The Center is now fully capable of effectively managing the ARPA funds as we have solid systems in place. The immediate challenge we face is simple. Without staff funding, we can't distribute existing resources; those funds will not support staff costs. The Marysville Human Service Grant will unlock this challenge and free our team to operate this necessary work. In addition to our assistance funding, we are also utilizing funds to provide emergency shelter through hotel vouchers for families with children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. This program allows us to partner with local hospitality services to provide a safe place to rest, make phone calls, have a hot meal, and work to access services for longer-term support. This funding is secured and only requires staff management. Our team currently partners with

Volunteers of America to refer clients to hotels and will collaborate with the Arlington Resource Center and VOA to build Marysville-specific contracts with hotels for this voucher program. LINC NW also operates the Marysville Cold Weather Shelter in partnership with Snohomish County. The county provides funding for the project and assists with infrastructure. LINC NW hires and maintains the shelter staff and volunteers, operates the shelter and maintains all equipment and supplies of the shelter. Working in partnership with local businesses and worshipping communities we have been able to provide a warm, safe place for people experiencing homelessness this winter, and are working to support heat and smoke sheltering during the hot weather months in 2022. Existing funding is deliberately focused on cold-weather shelter. We desire to provide resources for Marysville cooling stations such as bottled water, cold electrolyte-based beverages, and frozen snack items. This partnership will extend to the Marysville and Smokey Point Libraries as well as other contextually identified community-based organizations. We will also partner to distribute smoke filtering masks to clients and air filters for those with access to fans and shelter.

Saint Vincent de Paul

The St. Mary and St. Anne Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul strives to provide assistance to each and every caller based on their individual needs. We fill a gap that other agencies cannot. These services include:

Rent and utilities assistance.

Medical assistance, e.g., durable equipment, prescriptions, eyeglasses, hygiene items, and other as needed.

Basic assistance, e.g., food vouchers, clothing vouchers, cell phone bills, gasoline, propane for cooking and heat, car repair, bus fare, and other as needed.

No work of charity is foreign to our Conference.

Salvation Army

The proposed grant activities will be through The Salvation Army's "Pathways of Hope" program. This grant will focus on two groups. The first group will focus on housing security and homeless prevention to provide those who need rental assistance, help with utility bills, or move in assistance with first, last, and deposit. The second group will focus on emergency housing and shelter stability for students and families experiencing homelessness by providing local hotel vouchers, wrap around services, support with housing programs, job search, payment plans for debt, and to identify and remove other barriers that are the cause of their homelessness. The process starts with meeting with the family or individual to access needs, complete intake paperwork, create a success plan, identify action steps to remove barriers, and meet on a regular basis until all needs and goals are achieved. Individual success plans will be developed specific to the needs of the family or student to prevent further barriers. By addressing the immediate need for security around finding and retaining housing, as well as stability in paying monthly utility costs, or in some cases just securing a warm and dry environment in emergency situations, the student can then concentrate on learning rather than on surviving.