

# Council Business Meeting

September 21, 2021

<b>Agenda Item</b>	Public Hearing on the FY 2022-2023 Social Service Grant Award	
<b>From</b>	Linda Reid	Housing Program Manager
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## **SUMMARY**

City staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for \$135,000 in Social Service Grant funding in June. The City received 11 applications for the available funding in response to the RFP. The Housing and Human Services Commission reviewed the FY 2021-2023 Social Service Grant applications at their regular meeting on August 27th. The Housing and Human Services Commission discussed and agreed upon a recommended allocation for the funding. The Council will review the Housing and Human Services Commission's recommendations and make a final allocation for the FY 2021-2023 Social Service Grant Funds.

## **POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED**

Tier 1: Higher Priority

Address Climate Change

Tier 2: Moderate Priority

Economic Development

Housing Needs

Homeless Services

All-Age Friendly Community

## **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION**

Not Applicable

## **BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

In December of 2014 the Council adopted the Strategic Plan for the use of Social Service Grant funds which altered the recommendation process for the City's Social Service Grant Program to include a review and recommendation by the Housing and Human Services Commission. The Strategic Plan for the use of Social Service Grant funds is intended to provide guidance for applicants and assistance to elected and appointed officials by providing a framework for allocating resources and for tracking progress on identified goals and community priorities. [The Strategic Plan for the Use of Social Service Grant funds](#) identified five priorities and six strategies to guide funding decisions. The Strategic Plan includes a provision for periodic reevaluation to ensure that the goals and priorities continue to address community needs and City priorities. The most recent reevaluation process was completed in 2018 and included robust community and agency/service provider outreach and input components. The review of grant applications in consideration of the strategic priorities allows these funds to best support proposals that leverage community collaboration and promote community safety, health and wellbeing. The Housing and Human Services Commission utilized the priorities and strategies identified in the strategic plan as a framework for their allocation

decisions as well as the need for emergent services and resources related to the pandemic which are not reflected in the current Strategic Plan document.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> 2021, the City Council voted to approve the 2021-2023 Biennial budget. Shortly thereafter City staff issued an RFP for \$135,000 in available Social Service Grant funds. The City received 11 applications totaling \$214,500 in response to the RFP. The Housing and Human Services Commission reviewed the applications on August 26, 2021 at the regular meeting and heard from applicants about proposed projects. The Commission reviewed, discussed, and evaluated each application and came to a consensus on a final funding allocation recommendation. The Commission made a motion to forward the attached funding allocation to the Council for consideration.

### **FISCAL IMPACTS**

Since 1985 the City has set aside General Fund monies to provide support for Social Service organizations that serve vulnerable Ashland residents, for FY 2022-2023 that amount was \$135,000.

### **COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

The Housing and Human Services Commission recommends funding the applications as outlined in the attached exhibit (Attachment 1). The Commission found their recommended allocations to be consistent with the funding priorities and strategies established in the adopted [Social Service Strategic Plan](#). The City Council is to review the proposals and make the final Social Service Grant funding awards in consideration of the recommendations from the Housing and Human Services Commission.

### **ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS**

I move to approve the FY 2021-2023 social service grant funding allocations as recommended by the Housing and Human Service Commission at its regular meeting on August 26, 2021.

### **REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Housing and Human Services Commission Social Service Grant Allocation Recommendation.

Attachment 2: Housing and Human Services Commission Draft Meeting Minutes, August 26, 2021

[Center for Non-Profit Legal Services](#)

[Community Works-Dunn House](#)

[Community Works-Sexual Assault Victim's Services](#)

[Community Volunteer Network- Call a Ride](#)

[Food Angels](#)

[Jackson County SART](#)

[La Clinica](#)

[Options for Helping Residents of Ashland](#)

[Peace House](#)

[RVCOG-Food and Friends](#)

[St. Vincent De Paul](#)



**Attachment 1:**

RE: Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Social Service Grant Award

Housing and Human Services Commission Social Service Grant Allocation Recommendation.

Organization	Amount Received FY 2020-2021	Amount Requested FY 2022	H&HSC Recommended Allocation
Ashland Food Angels	\$12,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 12,083
Community Works Inc. (Dunn House)	\$6,500	\$ 27,000	\$ 11,333
Community Works Inc. (Sexual Assault Victim Services)	\$1,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,333
Community Volunteer Network RSVP of Jackson County-Call-A-Ride medical transportation	\$2,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000
Center for Nonprofit Legal Services, Inc. - Landlord/tenant/eviction moratorium	\$4,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000
Jackson County Sexual Assault Response Team	\$4,500	\$ 10,000	\$ 6,000
La Clinica-Mobile Health Unit	\$5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,750
Options For Helping Residents of Ashland	\$26,500	\$ 40,000	\$ 30,000
Peace House-COVID Meals Program	\$7,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 26,000
St. Vincent Du Paul-Home Visitation Program	\$25,500	\$ 28,000	\$ 24,500
Rogue Valley Council of Governments (Meals on Wheels)	\$8,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 8,000
Maslow Project	\$8,500	N/A	N/A
Southern Oregon Jobs with Justice	\$13,000	N/A	N/A
Rogue Valley Mentoring	\$2,000	N/A	N/A
Addictions Recovery Center	\$4,000	N/A	N/A
Community Works-Helpline	\$4,500	N/A	N/A
<b>Total Requested</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$ 214,500</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total Amount Available</b>	<b>\$134,000</b>	<b>\$ 135,000</b>	<b>\$ 135,000</b>



# CITY OF ASHLAND

Ashland Housing and Human Services Commission  
*Draft Minutes*  
August 26, 2021

**Call to Order**

Commission Co-Chair Linda Reppond called the Zoom meeting to order at 4:00pm.

<b>Commissioners Present:</b>	<b>Council Liaison</b>
Rich Rohde	Gina Duquenne
Echo Fields	
Leda Shapiro	<b>SOU Liaison</b>
Linda Reppond	None appointed at this time
(Vacant)	
(Vacant)	<b>Staff Present:</b>
Heidi Parker	Linda Reid, Housing Program Specialist
Chris Mahan	Liz Hamilton, Permit Technician
Jackie Bachman	
<b>Commissioners Not In Attendance:</b>	

**Approval of Minutes**

***Commissioners Heidi Parker / Jackie Bachman m/s to approve the minutes as amended of July 22, 2021. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed***

**Public Forum - None**

**Social Service Grant Presentations**

**1.) Community works – Kim Caplan**

Dunn House presentation – **No questions from Commissioners**

Sexual Assault Victim Services presentation

**Questions from Commissioners:**

Heidi Parker, is there overlap with Jackson County SART? Kim, no we provide advocacy and supplies after exam.

Rich Rohde, have you noticed an increase since COVID and Fires? Kim, yes the severity of violence has increased, not allowed in hospitals to comfort survivors, and housing options for victims

**2.) Ashland Food Angels – Pamela Joy gives basic presentation**

**Questions from Commissioners:**

Linda Reppond, what are the requested fund for? Pamela, basic upkeep for vehicles and building.

Chris Mahan, have you utilized SOU Students for volunteers? Pamela, have tried but find older people more reliable.

Echo Fields, will this grant be your total budget? Pamela, yes basically.

**3.) Community Volunteer Network (RSVP Call A Ride) – Kristin Milligan presentation**

**Questions from Commissioners:**

Heidi Parker, can you clarify negative income in financial statement under Net

Asset Deficit without donor restrictions? Kristin, not enough donations last year.

Chris Mahan, have you utilized SOU students? Kristin, we have a few internships but the program is designed for Senior Volunteers helping Seniors in need.

**4.) Center Non-Profit Legal Services – Debra Lee presentation.**

**Questions from Commissioners:**

Jackie Bachman, Are there retired Attorneys volunteering? Debra, work with State and Jackson County Bar Associations for additional Pro Bono services.

Echo, where services shut off after fire? Debra, no office was closed to the public due to COVID but still providing services.

**5.) Jackson County SART, Nurse Examiner Program – Susan Moen presentation**

**Questions from Commissioners:**

Jackie Bachman, If you are not fully funded by Ashland how will you fund this program? Susan, this program is our core program and other programs will be cut before this program.

Chris Mahan, have you noticed an increase in cases since COVID? Susan, yes there has been an increase.

Heidi Parker, past financials were larger with school prevention programs, are those programs still happening? Susan, yes they are being offered by Zoom now.

**6.) La Clinica Mobile Health Clinic – Ed Smith-Burns presentation**

**Questions from Commissioners:**

Jackie Bachman, what percentage of clients are Spanish speaking and need translation? Ed, about 20% and we have bi-lingual staff. Jackie, how many were served in Ashland last year? Ed, last years' breakdown not very accurate but typically it is about 500 people.

Rich Rohde, with COVID is it a guarantee for Mobile unit at the new OHRA shelter? Ed, yes they currently have a 1-year agreement with option for longer.

Echo Fields, do you provide dental on Mobile Unit? Ed, the unit has the capacity but with COVID they cannot offer Dental at this time.

Chris Mahan, if Ashland was to fund your full request would you stay in Ashland? Ed, yes we would try to expand number of days.

**7.) OHRA – Dave Stoebel presentation**

**Questions from Commissioners:**

Chris Mahan, are degrees or licenses required for navigators and do you have SOU internships? Dave, degrees and licenses not required, accept all people with skills however since COVID no non-staff members.

Gina Duquette, you have 4 navigators now, will you be able to increase navigators if fully funded? Dave, our request is to cover current budget, no expansion planned.

Echo Fields, are you paying a living wage with benefits to staff? Dave, yes.

**8.) Peace House – Elizabeth Hallett presentation.**

**Questions from Commissioners:**

Chris Mahan, what will you do if Ashland cannot fully fund you? Elizabeth, find other donors or cut back services.

Jackie Bachman, when you leave the Methodist Church where will you be located? Elizabeth, information not being released as of yet.

**9.) St Vincent de Paul – John Engelhardt presentation**

Rich Rohde wanted to make a statement that he appreciated the flexibility in their allocations for whatever need is out there.

**10.) Food & Friends Meals on Wheels – Kristi Welburn presentation**

**No questions from Commissioners**

## **Discussion and Allocation Recommendation**

### ***Conflict of interest statements:***

**Jackie Bachman** – Serves on OHRA board and has no financial gain from any grant given to OHRA and can be fair and impartial for allocation of grant money.

**Linda Reid** – Serves on La Clinica board and has no financial gain from any grant given to La Clinica and has no vote in the allocation of grant money.

**Linda Reppond** – has a contract with Community Works but not in the area where any grant money would be allocated and can be fair and impartial for allocation of grant money

Commission discusses how to allocate monies to the applicants.

***Commissioners Jackie Bachman / Chris Mahan m/s to recommend the following allocation of funds agreed upon by the Housing and Human Services Commission.***

***Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed***

<b><i>Ashland Food Angels</i></b>	<b><i>\$12,083.00</i></b>
<b><i>Community Works Inc. (Dunn House)</i></b>	<b><i>\$11,333.00</i></b>
<b><i>Community Works Inc. (Sexual Assault Victim Services)</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 2,333.00</i></b>
<b><i>Community Volunteer Network RSVP of Jackson County</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 2,000.00</i></b>
<b><i>Center for Nonprofit Legal Services, Inc.</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 5,000.00</i></b>
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<b><i>Peace House</i></b>	<b><i>\$26,000.00</i></b>
<b><i>St. Vincent Du Paul</i></b>	<b><i>\$24,500.00</i></b>
<b><i>Rogue Valley Council of Governments (Meals on Wheels)</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 8,000.00</i></b>

## **Liaison Reports**

**Council – Gina Duquenne.** Will be presenting this allocation of funds to the City Council on September 21, 2021

**SOU – Chris Mahan.** Has scheduled a meeting with SOU staff and Habitat for Humanity to talk about excess SOU properties and the possibility of developing those properties

**Staff – Linda Reid.** Update on Urban pallet housing. Rogue Retreat is looking for people to staff property 24/7. See their website for details.

**General Announcement – Echo Fields.** Acting as liaison to Jackson County Long Term Recovery Group for Housing and Human Services Commission.

## **Agenda Item for September – Linda Reppond**

City Council has tasked the Housing and Human Services Commission with making policy for inclement weather emergency shelters. Rich and Echo agree to work on policy and bring to commission in September.

**Upcoming Meeting for Housing Commission Regular Meeting** September 23, 2021

**Adjournment:** adjourned the meeting at 6:15p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Liz Hamilton*