

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

Today's Date: June 18, 2020

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: **Why not?** _____

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Alexandra's Food Drive

Address: 1501 West Edinburgh Bend

City: Bloomington Zip: 47403

Primary Contact: Alexandra Daley

Phone: 812-679-8816 Email: skpfrd@yahoo.com

Secondary Contact: Skip Daley

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Grant Writer: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Alexandra's Food Drive (in collaboration with Hoosier Hills Food Bank)

Project Total Cost: \$ 5000.00 Grant Fund Request: \$ 4000.00

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
\$ 1000.00	In Kind		

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. Website Design	700
2. Video Production	1500
3. Marketing	1000
4. Printed Materials	1000
5. Organization Creation and 501©3 Assistance	800

PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

Alexandra's Food Drive

Since 2016, Alexandra Daley has taken it upon herself to go door to door throughout her neighborhood and collect canned food to donate to Hoosier Hills Food Bank. After her 3rd annual donation, in 2019, HHFB asked her if she wanted to create a means to grow her project. She discussed it with some friends and they were wanting to get involved . . .

The Plan:

Alexandra will create a website which outlines her past 3 years of successful canned food drives for the Hoosier Hills Food Bank. The Website will be family friendly, attracting youth from the community and inviting them to participate in the bigger picture project, of collecting food for those in need on a grassroots level, while helping to instill the important value of community giving.

The website will have professionally produced training videos of how to create neighborhood canned food drives, from a proven method which Alexandra developed. There will also be parent training videos to ensure that the army of young community driven food collectors are working in unison and sending the same messages. The system we are working toward trains, rewards (through additional collaborative community partnerships), and further recruits new young food collectors.

The capital expenditures for the project will be viable for years to come, and the one time investment by the grant fund will sustain the project for the long haul.

Last year, Alexandra successfully raised over 150 pounds of food; and this was in the dark and shortened days of the late autumn. The Hoosier Hills Food Bank needs more help throughout the summer months. Imagine the productivity potential of Alexandra's Food Bank Army, well-trained boots on the ground, suppling Hoosier Hills with food when they most need it?!?!

The project seems to fit perfectly within 3 of this year's parameters:

- Health, Food, Nutrition, Security, and Shelter
- Emergency Shortages
- Youth Enrichment Opportunities

A part of the budget is to create a formal organization for which a board of her peers, member representing HHFB, and other community leaders would be developed. Filing for IRS Non-profit status is a key aspect to solicit future corporate funding.

This project will be run by local youth, and advised by adults.

The cost requested to get things going . . . \$4000

The inevitable impact this will have on HHFB, hundreds of our county's youth, and the future leaders learning to operate a legal organization . . . PRICELESS!

COVID NOTES: So much of the project can be completed through technology over the coming months. The physical neighborhood food collection will not be authorized until recommendations from the County Health Department and CDC provide more securities.

Thank you for your consideration,

- Alexandra

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Today's Date: June 22, 2020

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: **Why not?** _____

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: All-Options

Address: 1014 S Walnut St

City: Bloomington Zip: 47401

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: All-Options Hoosier Diaper Program

Project Total Cost: \$25,750 Grant Fund Request: \$6,000

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
\$4,000	Jack Hopkins Community Service Grant	X	
\$2,500	United Way Rapid COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund	X	
\$1,000	Community Foundation of Bloomington & Monroe County	X	
\$5,000	Individual donations (approximate)		X
\$2,500	Smithville Charitable Foundation		X

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. Diapers & Wipes	\$6,000
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PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

All-Options is seeking a grant of \$6,000 from the Sophia Travis Community Service Grants Program for the purchase of 1,040 packs of diapers and 800 packs of wipes. This funding will help us meet increased community need due to the COVID-19 epidemic. Since mid-March, All-Options has been distributing diapers every week, contact-free, to the families of Bloomington and Monroe County.

All-Options is working within the latest public health guidelines to distribute diapers as safely as possible. We have closed the Center to the public for everyone's protection. Only staff and interns will be involved in diaper distribution, and we are taking appropriate precautions to minimize transmission of germs. We are also coordinating with other community organizations and mutual aid networks to ensure those most in need can access diapers with limited risk.

The All-Options' Hoosier Diaper Program addresses the often overlooked diaper need facing families with infants and toddlers who are struggling to make ends meet. Clean diapers keep children dry and healthy, and have a positive ripple effect on a family's situation by limiting illness, enabling children to go to daycare, and thus allowing parents to attend school or work. The Hoosier Diaper Program also has wide-ranging benefits for the Bloomington community. Ensuring access to clean diapers helps low-income children and families build a strong foundation for growth and development.

As the coronavirus epidemic, and associated economic decline spreads, the burdens will fall on those who are already most vulnerable -- people living in poverty or with food and housing insecurity, those with low wage jobs that do not provide adequate paid sick time or health benefits, and families who are struggling to make ends meet.

While the needs of vulnerable populations will be many, All-Options will focus on amplifying what we already do well -- providing clean diapers to families who need them. With families already facing incredible burdens in the face of this crisis, we can lift one of their needs and ease their worries in at least one significant way.

Even before the current outbreak, diaper need was widespread in our local community (at least 1 in 3 families struggling to afford adequate diapers.) Our clients include single mothers struggling to pay for the diapers required at their child's daycare; couples cutting back on groceries and other essentials to try and pay for the diapers their babies need; and grandparents who have taken unexpected custody of their grandchildren when a parent is incarcerated or affected by drug addiction. Before finding our diaper program, clients have reported trying to stretch their diaper supply by reusing diapers, waiting longer to change dirty diapers, or using old clothing or sheets as makeshift diapers. The need is desperate, overwhelming, and unacceptable.

When a child lacks an adequate supply of diapers, too much time in soiled diapers also puts them at risk of severe diaper rash and bladder infections. Providing clean diapers can reduce the need for

nonessential visits to the doctor which is critical for limiting exposure to germs and reducing the burden on our health care providers at this time.

We know that a seemingly small item – a pack of diapers – can mean the difference between a parent being able to go to work tomorrow or losing their job; between a child getting their needed rest through the night, or wailing in discomfort; between a healthy child and one who suffers from chronic infections that can also rack up copay and prescription costs. The simple act of providing diapers with all-options support and compassion has the capacity to change a person's life in a dramatic way. That's why All-Options is seeking a grant of \$6,000 from the Sophia Travis Community Service Grants Program. Thank you for your consideration!

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Today's Date: 06/22/2020

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If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**,

did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No:

Why not?

Due to COVID I missed the March deadline, I am submitting the report now. Thank you.

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of

Organization: Amethyst House, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 11

City: Bloomington Zip: 47402

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Residential Food

Project Total Cost: \$35,000 Grant Fund Request: \$5,000.00

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
\$25,000	Division of Mental Health & Addiction	X	

GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION

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Item	Cost
1. Groceries	\$5,000
2.	
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Monroe County Funding

Sophia Travis 2019 \$2,300

Sophia Travis 2018 \$3,500

Sophia Travis 2017 \$3,500

Sophia Travis 2015 \$3,300

Sophia Travis 2009 \$6,000

PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

The mission of Amethyst House 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 \$5,000 from the Sophia Travis Community Service Grant to help us purchase healthy food that we provide to our residents. Our current food budget is \$35,000; \$5,000 is 14% of our food budget. Other funds from Division of Mental Health & Addiction are utilized for the remaining food budget. Our highest priority is a much-needed \$5,000 supplement to our annual food budget. Amethyst maintains two residential facilities that serve adults with substance use diagnosis, both a Men's and a Women's Halfway house. We can house up to 14 women and 17 men at the appropriate house. We provide a full range of food on a daily basis, feeding as many as 31 Monroe County residents at a time, 2-3 meals a day. 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 the daily cost of food at our men's facility averages \$52 per day, while the daily cost of food for our women's facility averages \$32 per day. Total food costs at \$84 per day for both houses \$5,000 would cover the cost of food for approximately 60 days.

The Amethyst House residential program remains one of the most affordable substance abuse treatment programs within the state of Indiana, charging below-average treatment fees for safe and sober housing. Proper nutrition is especially important with individuals who are embarking on recovery from drugs and alcohol. Poor eating habits, the use of drugs and alcohol, and the resulting lifestyle often 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. We believe that early in 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 three 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 related to the pandemic and related community disconnections. We have continued to provide services through this pandemic with 24/7 on site staffing. We have always had a focus on preparing our clients to re-integrate back into society now, more so than ever considering the new barrier of COVID-19. Due to COVID-19 we have had to increase structure and programming at our residential locations as many residents are not employed and we are trying to decrease community socializing. Residential structure has included groups and individual sessions that address basic life skills and work preparedness as well as evidenced based treatment programming. We have had to make several changes over the past few months as often as daily as the CDC guidelines change. Currently our census at each house is running about 50% to assist with social distancing, one person per bedroom with a room setup for a resident to be quarantined if they have any symptoms. Since the 1st of April our residents have not been allowed to work outside of the home or leave the property except for any medical appointments. We have supplies of PPE for clients and staff as needed, gloves, masks, thermometers. Starting June 8th clients have been allowed to pursue employment and we will be continuing to monitor their health daily. We have hired 2 full-time techs that assist us with addressing evening and weekend programming, COVID-19 screening issues and also reduces the number of staff members that are entering the houses (that otherwise would require several part-time employees) which reduces the chances of bringing the virus into the residential settings. We are increasing work preparedness and skills trainings for our residents while emphasizing COVID-19 awareness and safety. Our residents are also starting to return to Twelve Step meetings in the community.

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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ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

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

Address: 501 N. Walnut St Office

City: Bloomington Zip: 47404

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Bigs with Badges continued

Project Total Cost: \$50,000 Grant Fund Request: \$14,602

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
\$5,000	OJJDP Grant		x

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. 6 Ipads with accessories	\$5,302
2. 1 year subscription of Classy	\$2,300
3. 1 year subscription of ESign Genie	\$750
4. 1 year subscription of Adobe Premier and Creative/2 computers	\$900
5. 1 year subscription of two zoom subscriptions	\$350
6. Staff Time to continue recruitment/outreach for Bigs with Badges program	\$5,000

PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

There is an identifiable problem between law enforcement and communities throughout the United States most noticeably in areas that are less fortunate. What Bigs with Badges aims to do is break down the barrier between children and police, and decrease the idea that officers are only coming into these neighborhoods to arrest someone. Bigs With Badges is specifically designed to mend these relationships through professionally managed mentoring relationships. The Service Community Assessment of Needs found that there was a need for more afterschool activities and programs for youth, especially school-aged youth. Youth are most likely to engage in risk-taking behaviors like substance abuse, sexual conduct, and other behaviors considered delinquent in the hours directly after school. In 2020 we matched three children in our Bigs with Badges program with a goal to increase this number by directly working with the City of Bloomington Police Department in addition to our established relationship with Indiana University Police Department. Specifically, with these three matches, we are seeing improvements in the children's academics and in their social relationships. With the proper funding, BBBSSCI believes they can bring this impact to all parts of Bloomington.

BBBSSCI believes through this approach (Bigs with Badges) at-risk children gain a positive role model that serves their community. This will also act as an initiative to further improve the relationship between our men and women in badges and the families in disadvantaged communities, one of the most important issues facing society today.

BBBSSCI's mission is that all youth achieve their full potential. BBBSSCI does this by creating and supporting one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. In our community, we have been able to see how much of a positive impact a mentoring relationship can have on children and our overall community. While the children we serve face adversity at a higher rate than the average child, after being matched with a mentor in the program 84% of Littles receive better grades, 95% are more confident and feel like they belong, and over 96% are confident that they will resist the use of drugs, violence, and skipping school. It doesn't stop with our Littles, the whole community will be impacted. For example, every \$1 that is invested in BBBS in return gives \$18 back to the community through positive impacts that Little will make. Studies have also shown that children that grow up in similar circumstances but are matched with Big Brothers Big Sisters earn an average of \$315,000 more over their lifetime. That translates to \$32,154 in additional tax revenue. Through programs like Bigs With Badges, the impacts made aren't temporary, they last a lifetime and can positively impact the whole community.

During the time of Covid-19, Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana has been working directly with our volunteers (Bigs), youth (Littles) and their families to make sure that they are staying connected and helping them with other necessary resources during this time of uncertainty. Being able to continue the work at 100% capacity shows that regardless of circumstances, BBBSSCI is always there to serve. Having updated technology is crucial during these times and being prepared for any other disruption by having this technology in place is key to the success in our Bigs with Badges program and all other programming.

Our Bigs have been helping the families navigate the challenges of technology that is necessary to communicate during these times, or providing them with phone communications to those who don't have access or understanding of email. Our match support personnel along with our volunteer Bigs are serving on the front line with our children since they are not in school and don't have the support they may need to identify challenges in the homes. In addition, our Bigs and Match Support Personnel (caseworkers) are helping the Littles navigate these uncertain times.

Our professional staff is trained to coach our volunteers through the relationship to make sure that the largest impact is made on our Littles. BBBSSCI identifies the issues that are facing our society and are the best equipped to serve all youth in our community to help them reach their best possible futures. Partnering together with different agencies to find common ground and work with each other will create sustainability and much-needed trust between different groups of the community. With the help of The Sophia Travis grant, Big Brothers Big Sisters will be on the front lines of making a change and igniting potential for our youth.

Evidence

Research suggests that mentoring programs improve outcomes across behavioral, social, emotional, and academic domains. BBBS is the strongest example of a one-on-one mentoring program. Evaluations of the program show that mentored youth are less likely to skip classes, skip school, initiate drug, and alcohol use, or engage in physical fighting. Other benefits include improvements in academic performance, parent-child, and student-teacher relationships, and parental trust.

Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) report by Center for Disease Control.

Relationships with adults who are positive role models can prevent ACEs and improve future outcomes for young people. Caring adults includes teachers, coaches, extended family members, neighbors, or community volunteers. Connecting youth to caring adults and activities helps give stability, improve their engagement in school, and establish positive networks. It is an important preventive strategy to buffer against parental absence or other difficulties at home, frequent moves, and exposure to negative influences at school and in the community. It can also buffer against the impact of ACEs for youth who have already experienced ACEs.

Computer Security and Confidentiality

Our agency deals directly with children's and volunteers' personal information. It is the priority of our agency to ensure that all information is secured. There are cyber attackers who vary in target, motive, levels of organization, and technical capabilities, requiring public and private organizations to adopt ever-increasing measures to prevent cyber-attacks. Outdated software leaves BBBS susceptible to cyber attacks.

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APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Today's Date: June 12, 2020

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: Why not? N/A

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Bloomington Refugee Support Network, Inc.

Address: 3101 East Saint James Court

City: Bloomington Zip: 47401

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Supporting Bloomington Refugees

Project Total Cost: \$20,358 Grant Fund Request: \$4,018

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
\$10,040	Private monetary donations	X	
\$6,300	Volunteer in-kind donations	X	

GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION

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Item	Cost
1. Application fees We pay 1/3 of the client's fee and refer them to external agencies for the remainder. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Green card (Permanent residency: I-485) = \$1,225 per client x 4 clients = \$4,900▪ Citizenship (Naturalization: N-400) = \$725 per client x 4 clients = \$2,175▪ Employment Authorization (I-765) = \$495 per client x 4 clients = \$1,980	\$3,018
2. Attorney fees When pro-bono attorneys are not available, we provide discounted referrals and pay the fee. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ \$125 consultation fee x 8 clients = \$1,000	\$1,000

PROJECT NARRATIVE (910 words):

The Bloomington Refugee Support Network (BRSN), collaborating with 80+ agencies, exists to support the refugees, asylum seekers, and other immigrants in our community through public education, direct client support, and by creating positive relationships amongst our clients, volunteers, and community. Every family served by BRSN is assigned two volunteer "Coordinators" that work together to ensure the family can meet their basic needs while adjusting to life in Bloomington. In our experience, client families are usually nervous and traumatized, but are willing to work hard to create a healthy and successful life in their new city. Many clients are eager to begin supporting themselves financially, but cannot legally work until they get proper authorization, which can take up to eight weeks. They are unsure of where to start and what services they can legally take advantage of while they are still getting their paperwork completed. BRSN Coordinators organize the funding of legal fees and the application processes for citizenship, a green card, or work authorization and begin to build trust and goodwill with our clients. With attorney advice, we educate the families regarding their very limited and specific use of public benefits that will not increase their chances of deportation. In addition to this funding, BRSN supports clients by providing transportation to local resource agencies, attorney meetings, and hearings in Chicago and Indianapolis; short-term rent and utilities assistance; interpreters; clothing and household items; and food cards.

Assisting our clients financially is an important piece of our work. However, we are not able to become the primary source of funding for immigrants in the area. A critical piece of our program is our volunteer "Special Friends," guides, and hosts. As new community members, our clients often need a friend to help with simple tasks such as learning the bus system, learning safe bicycle practices, opening a bank account, learning retail shopping, or even sharing a cup of tea. BRSN has volunteer hosts that share their homes and "mother-in-law apartments" with clients that need emergency housing and a supportive friend.

Many of our immigrant families want to volunteer, as well as work, and want to help the Bloomington community. Some clients are IT specialists, mental health professionals, university faculty, and engineers. Their credentials are often not with them, so our volunteer "Employment Counselors" help them find the certification training they will need to practice their profession here. Our clients themselves help to drive, to host new families until their new housing becomes available, interpret, provide childcare, and maintain and grow their communications with other immigrant families. For example, our Venezuelan and Turkish populations have grown throughout the region, and they have formed their own friendships and mutual support and assistance networks. As they assimilate into our community, our clients tend to get excited about being more than just part of "the immigrant community." Their volunteer work and presence on nonprofit boards and at public meetings and cultural events contributes to this transition.

We are asking for a grant of \$4,018 from the Monroe County's Sophia Travis grant program to cover application costs and attorney fees for approximately 15 households (with an average of four people per household, this will directly serve 60 people). BRSN pays the remaining 1/3 of clients' application fees and refers our clients who need additional support to other agencies. With this grant we will continue to support clients who are eligible to apply for citizenship, a green card or work authorization, and the attorney fees that are critical for these cases. Additional program expenses of \$16,340 are currently covered by assigned private donations and volunteer in-kind services. These confirmed contributions will support the remainder of our emergency rent assistance, additional application fees, the purchase of a used vehicle, and volunteer host housing (three families for three months). Our clients are in need of direct support while they transition from some of the most harrowing experiences of their lives so that they may become active, successful members of our community.

The current Covid-19 pandemic has impacted many of our clients who lost their jobs and have been unable to find work since March. We provide masks to all of our volunteers and instruct them to practice social distancing during their in-person interactions, or communicate through phone, text, or e-mail. We have received Phase 2 funding from the United Way of Monroe County's Covid-19 Emergency Relief Fund and plan to apply for Phase 3 funding so that we can assist our clients with emergency rent assistance (once the eviction moratorium is lifted, at which time tenants will be required to begin repayment of back rent).

The Sophia Travis grant will enable our clients to move forward with their necessary applications so that they can be free and safe to seek jobs. Our volunteers drive clients to job interviews and ESL classes and will advise them of the many job opportunities that will be available when the emergency health restrictions are lifted. (Many employers contact BRSN to say they would like to hire immigrants that desperately want to work either part-time or full-time jobs.) Additionally, for any gardening equipment and office attire needed for work, we partner with our 80+ collaborating agencies to provide anything our clients may need to find their place and their footing in the Covid-safe work community. Our Coordinators, Special Friends, and Guides will continue to stay in touch with each client household to ensure they are doing well and are comfortable after the Covid-19 emergency has ended.

Bloomington Refugee Support Network, Inc.

FINANCIAL RECORD FOR 2019

BALANCE FROM 2018 15,424.00

2019 INCOME

Donations 327.00

Grants 5,000.00

Income from Sales 335.00

TOTAL CASH INCOME 5,662.00

Plus in-Kind Contributions 3,400.00

2019 EXPENSES

OFFICE SUPPLIES 161.98

WORLD REFUGEE DAY CELEBRATION SUPPLIES 300.00

BANK FEES 5.58

ALLOCATIONS TO CLIENTS

Application Fees 325.00

Transportation to Chicago (for hearings) 146.89

Attorney Fees 320.00

Food 130.00

Rent 2,819.93

Moving Expenses 87.93

Utilities 105.97

TOTAL EXPENSES 4,403.28

NET CASH INCOME FOR 2018 1,258.72

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ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington

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

City: Bloomington Zip: 47402

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Answering the Need for Youth Summer Programming With Positive Precautions

Project Total Cost: \$250,000 Grant Fund Request: \$7,500

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
\$30,000	United Way	X	
\$2,500	CFBMC	X	
\$15,000	Jack Hopkins	X	
\$25,000	United Way - \$25,000 requested		X
\$50,000	CDBG CARES - \$50,000 requested		X

GRANT BUDGET INFORMATION

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Item	Cost
1. PPE/Sanitizing products and supplies	\$2,000
2. Meals (one per day per participant)	\$2,500
3. Support for Basic Operational Expenses (no volunteers or interns this summer)	\$3,000
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PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington is to empower all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as caring, responsible, and productive citizens. We are seeking funding from the STCSGP to support our summer programming “youth pods” that are open to the community and have the capacity to serve 200 kids. The costs for this program during the summer are roughly \$1,250 per “youth pod” per week. This cost is higher than our traditional summer programs due to two key factors: 1) the CDC gathering size and social distancing guidelines cause our ratio of members to staff to decrease (requiring more staff); and, 2) a much larger percentage of our staff are now paid staff rather than unpaid interns and volunteers. These roles were filled mostly by IU students, who traditionally make up about 75% of our workforce. Our summer programming takes place at all 3 Clubs - Ferguson Crestmont, Lincoln Street and Ellettsville - as well as our Camp Rock facility on Lake Lemon. We are serving 160 youth each day, but have the capacity to serve 200 youth each day. We need additional funding to increase the number of youth served. Our summer programs currently have a waitlist of kids who want to fill those spots if we receive the funding to provide them with the programs. This is proof that these programs are serving the vital need of summer school-age child care across the county. BGCB is one of three organizations that is currently providing school aged care, and the only one offering this programming at an affordable rate.

By committing to meet this need to serve our Club and the greater Monroe County area, we also commit to the safety of our program participants and our staff. In addition to reducing our participant capacity and increasing our staffing, we also follow all CDC, local, and state guidelines regarding best practices including screening, wearing masks and extensive cleaning and disinfection routines. All the new steps needed to insure the health and safety our staff, participants and their families come at additional costs. We are seeking support for the Personal Protective Equipment required (masks and gloves), extra cleaning supplies such as hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes and cleaners, and support for the additional cost of staffing the “youth pods” that do not exist in a traditional year for the Club.

Further, another effect of the pandemic on our community has been an increase in the need for food support. Our club programming provides each participant with one full meal and other snacks each day. This reduces the burden on families who are currently struggling to put enough food on the table due to job losses or reduced hours/wages. We know this to be the case as early in the pandemic, after our clubs shut down, the BGCB reached out to member families to offer food assistance. Our Community Food and Supply Drive served 97 different families since March. We are currently winding down the program but have continued to serve 15+ families/ week during the month of June. Funding would also be used to subsidize food for children at the Club each day.

BGCB is also serving on Transition Back to School committees at MCCSC and RBBSC. Schools recognize our ability to respond, especially at a time where schools will struggle to provide direct service to every child, every day due to social distancing requirements. It's vital to stay connected with our community so that we know what the needs are and be ready to respond as completely as possible.

Knowing that many kids in the community have been without peer to peer interaction for weeks due to the pandemic, we are more committed than ever to help them safely socialize and engage in meaningful in-person activities. We know that children suffer during disruptions to their routines and that they can sense the stress in their parents and families. Children need ample time to engage in play and social interactions that help them recover some sense of pre-pandemic life. Unfortunately, children of lower income families suffer disproportionately from these types of additional stresses on families. The programs at BGCB address this need especially for those families who are most vulnerable.

Past Grants received from Monroe County:

In 2018, the Club received:

- \$5,000 from the STCSGP

In 2017, the Club received:

- \$4,200.00 from the STCSGP

In 2016, the Club received:

- \$7,000 from the STCSGP

In 2015, the Club received:

- \$5,500.00 from the STCSGP

In 2014, the Club received:

- \$8,600.00 from the STCSGP

In 2013, the Club received:

- \$9,800 from the STCSGP

In 2012, the Club received:

- \$10,000 for a grant supporting repair and maintenance of our transportation fleet
- \$3,380.48 for the CARES grant

In 2011, the Club received:

- \$1,789.47 for the CARES grant

In 2010, the Club received:

- \$6,400.00 for a transportation grant
- \$2,202.42 for the CARES grant

In 2009, the Club received:

- \$5,700.00 for a transportation grant
- \$1,228.00 for the CARES grant

In 2008, the Club received:

- \$6,300.00 for a Community Service grant
- \$2,902.00 for the CARES grant
- \$3,000.00 for a Department of Child Services grant for our summer camp program

In 2007, the Club received:

- \$4,037.00 for a Community Service grant \$2,250.00 for the CARES grant

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

Today's Date: June 22, 2020

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**,
did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: **Why not?** _____

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of
Organization: Catholic Charities Bloomington

Address: 803 N. Monroe St.

City: Bloomington Zip: 47404

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: CCB Parent Coaching Program

Project Total Cost: \$8,358 Grant Fund Request: \$2,700

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
\$5,000	Catholic Campaign for Human Growth	yes	

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. Parent Consultation Sessions	\$2700
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PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

CCB Parent Consultation Program

Mission Statement: CCB is committed to enhancing the availability of quality mental health services. We do this through the delivery of professional mental health education and counseling on a sliding fee scale and through advocacy for affordable, easily accessible community mental health services.

Parents of children from newborns through teenagers are struggling right now due to the pandemic. Caregivers have had little opportunity for breaks in responsibility thanks to the demands of working and teaching their children, often full time. As the uncertainty around the coronavirus lingers potentially into the fall, it is likely that we can all expect continued periods of separation and quarantine. After months of high anxiety and worry for many, reentering the world may cause significant behavior changes in children and teens. The Center for Disease Control notes that emergencies and disasters affect the behavior of children acutely, as they absorb the stress and emotions of the adults in their environment. Especially in times of transition and anxiety, parents need to be able to seek out sound advice on how to manage new and challenging behaviors in their children. In response to our clients' feedback, Catholic Charities seeks to better address the individual needs of parents. We are requesting funding for the CCB Parent Consultation Program; a project that will allow our experienced therapists to meet families' immediate parent needs while bypassing common barriers such as billing insurance or inability to pay. As we all move into a world that looks a little different, parents and children now more than ever need guidance as they adapt.

The CCB Parent Consultation Program will enable Catholic Charities to provide individualized support to families who have parenting concerns. Through a grant provided by the Catholic Campaign for Human Growth, Cece Maron-Puntarelli, MS, early childhood educator, recently trained CCB therapists on positive parenting techniques. Families will be able to call in to our office to request a parenting consultation, then schedule either a virtual (Telehealth) or in-person session. In an effort to keep all of our staff safe, we continue to work from home, and are working with the city health department on how to slowly resume seeing clients in person in a very limited way. We will maintain one spot per week on each therapist's schedule to accommodate the consultations. In order to provide these fifty-five (55) minute sessions, we request funding to provide compensation for therapists' time and the overhead costs of office maintenance, at \$75 per consultation. Each session in actuality will cost our agency \$90, so the total cost of the project outside of Sophia Travis funding would be \$3,240. Altogether, we request \$2,700 through this grant for this initiative.

The program's goal is to provide tools that will prevent or interrupt major meltdowns, tantrums or defiant behaviors. The strategies will be created in partnership between the therapist and parent, as both reflect on successes and growth areas in the parent-child dynamic. As the world for adults has changed drastically because of COVID-19, the world for children has been altered significantly, as well. The built-in socialization with other children, engagement with lessons and teachers and time removed from the home have all compounded to create very difficult situations for families. Although home is often a positive environment, for others challenges such as hunger, poverty, homelessness, and environmental issues like domestic violence all affect a child's experience of "home". More still, the pandemic has prevented some children from seeing their at-risk grandparents, escalated sibling rivalry, and taxed single parents who have very little down time. The many changes in routine and family dynamics have certainly created the conditions for challenging behavior. The consultation approach allows parents to access expert advice on their child's developmental stage without necessarily enrolling a child in therapy or labelling the child in any way.

The aim of the individual parenting consultations will be to trouble shoot current patterns of behavior while

emphasizing that parents must prioritize their own self-care routines. Appointments will take place within five (5) business days of the initial request, as we have learned it is imperative to respond quickly when individuals self-refer, as they are usually in a receptive mode. The therapists who will provide the consultations are trained in positive parenting techniques and attachment-based therapy, and in some cases are former teachers and current parents themselves. The support sessions will focus on engaging with the parent on ways to enhance the relationship and attachment between parent and child as a means of preventing challenges before they arise. For example, dedicated daily fifteen minute parent and child one-on-one time may be recommended to help reduce meltdowns. If the parent or children want to start longer-term counseling, that can be facilitated through our office, as well.

The beauty of a local parent consultation program is that it allows our therapists to really meet families where they are in their journey. CCB partners with Fairview Elementary School to provide therapy for children in their school environment, so our therapists are in tune with the local school system and its philosophy. Understanding the school culture is important for helping parents navigate the systems their children work in during the school year. CCB therapists can coach parents on language to use with their children that will be used across the home and school environment. We hope to provide as many local and in-hand resources for parents to walk away from a consultation feeling empowered and hopeful.

CCB will advertise this service through school-based communications at providers such as IU's Campus Children's Center, Monroe County United Ministries, and Monroe County Community School Corporation. We will also promote through social media, website, print media and emails. The community agencies we have approached have thus far are interested in offering this kind of service to families. Ideally, the project can grow and expand, have a corporate financial supporter, and continue on past the life of this grant.

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Catholic Charities Bloomington - Parent Consultation Program

Item	Price	Quantity	Total
I. Therapist Cost			
Consultation Fee	\$75.00	36	\$ 2,700.00
II. Leveraged Funds			
Catholic Campaign for Human Growth Grant- Positive Parenting Training			\$5,000.00
Overhead cost absorption	\$15.00	36	\$ 540.00
Postage for mailing materials	\$0.50	36	\$ 18.00
Marketing Cost	\$100.00		\$100
		Total Project	\$ 8,358.00
		TOTAL REQUESTED	\$ 2,700.00

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

Today's Date: 06/22/2020 Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: Why not? N/A

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Stepping Stones – Centerstone of Indiana

Address: 645 South Rogers Street

City: Bloomington Zip: 47403

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Stepping Stones FY2021 Youth Support Fund

Project Total Cost: \$9,730.00 Grant Fund Request: \$7,810.00

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
\$1,920.00	Centerstone Indiana - annual cost of Mifi internet connectivity (\$160 per month for 4 Mifi devices)	Yes	

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. YMCA Annual Group Membership	\$ 830.00
2. Resident "Family Meals" (\$40/wk for 1 year)	\$2,080.00
3. "Welcome Baskets" for new residents (\$100/each, expect 20 new residents)	\$2,000.00
4. Street Outreach gift cards for necessities (\$25/mo for 1 year)	\$ 300.00
5. Public Transit Bus Passes (\$5/each for 12 residents = \$60/mo for 1 year)	\$ 720.00
6. Uber Card (\$15/each, 1 per mo for 1 year)	\$ 180.00
7. Wifi Booster	\$ 100.00
8. Two Laptops (\$800 each)	\$1,600.00
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	\$7,810.00

PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

Centerstone's Noble Purpose is delivering care that changes peoples' lives. Stepping Stones, a division of Centerstone, provides shelter, education, behavioral healthcare and life skills services to youth ages 16-20. Centerstone Indiana is seeking \$7,810.00 in support of our Stepping Stones program for FY21. 100% of the funds will directly support homeless and vulnerable youth by providing access to:

- Healthy activities
- Nutritious food
- Clothing and other personal necessities
- Transportation assistance
- Education, employment, and enrichment opportunities

Last year, Stepping Stones provided supportive housing and services to 30 youth aged 16-20 years old and street outreach support to 36 additional homeless or at-risk young people in Monroe County.

All youth served through Stepping Stones have experienced poverty; most have also experienced trauma from abuse, domestic violence, and involvement in the foster care system. Our residents come to us with behavioral and physical health needs as well as histories of substance use. They have little to no job experience, life skills, and many have dropped out of school. Our Stepping Stones program provides homeless youth with safe and stable transitional housing, emergency food assistance, behavioral health and addiction treatment services, independent living skills training in money management, nutrition education, employment coaching, and educational support provided by direct care staff. Funding through the Sophia Travis Community Services Grant will help Centerstone provide the following:

Annual YMCA group membership for all residents will offer the youth and young adults we serve opportunities to experience safe social engagement and structured physical activities that they would not otherwise be able to afford, building the foundation for healthy lifestyles.

New residents at Stepping Stones receive "Welcome Baskets" containing linens, hygiene items, Personal Protective Equipment such as cloth masks and hand sanitizer, and grocery shopping cards for individual use. Additionally, Centerstone staff purchase food for in-house cooking classes and to provide weekly group dinners for residents. Most of our youth have never had a family meal. Weekly group dinners were served family-style prior to the pandemic in order to shift norms around eating and nutrition to make meals a community experience where residents can practice pro-social behaviors.; during COVID-19 conditions, residents will continue to work together according to public health guidelines and learn how to safely prepare food and share it with others while practicing necessary health precautions and social distancing. Group meals may take a different form, but continue to be essential for community-building and nutritional health coaching within the program.

Due to the pervasive need for support for homeless youth in our community, Stepping Stones has a dedicated Outreach Coordinator who connects young adults to mainstream resources, employment, education opportunities, volunteer opportunities, and more. The provision of gift cards for the purchase of nutritious food and clothing is essential for meeting the most basic of human needs for these vulnerable youth.

Many Stepping Stones residents require transportation assistance in order to attend school or evening classes, obtain and maintain employment, shop, access healthcare and attend appointments with other social service agencies. Public transportation passes and Uber cards help us ensure our youth will be able to travel safely, in accordance with public health guidelines.

The 2020 coronavirus pandemic has demonstrated the necessity of reliable internet connectivity for maintaining education, employment and enrichment opportunities during crises. The wireless network at Stepping Stones is currently not sufficient to ensure that all residents have equal access to online resources. Grant funds will allow Centerstone to purchase and install a wifi booster to enhance the signal for all locations on-site. Additionally, the purchase of two laptop computers will allow residents to complete advanced assignments and work-related activities under the guidance of Stepping Stones staff, keeping these youth invested in and motivated towards personal success and eventual independent living as engaged, productive members of society.

The Stepping Stones program has incurred numerous additional expenses due to COVID-19 while also experiencing decreased program income as residents lost their employment during the lock-down and were no longer able to contribute their portion of rent or purchase their own food and personal items. Staff rose to the challenge of engaging residents who were restricted to their apartments and common areas 24/7 by providing increased education assistance, online enrichment activities, and rigorous sanitation and protective health measures. Food, hygiene necessities, PPE, and cleaning supplies have been provided for all residents and outreach recipients during the first and second quarter of 2020. Additionally, Centerstone implemented an appreciation pay policy for all of our hourly frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. These combined support measures put additional pressures on our program budget that will carry over to FY21. Sophia Travis Community Services Grant funding will assist us in directly meeting the needs of vulnerable youth in Monroe County.

The staff of Stepping Stones and Centerstone Indiana appreciate the consideration of the Monroe County Council during this time of recovery and rebuilding in our community.

Prior Sophia Travis Community Services Grant Awards

Centerstone 2009 \$3,000

Stepping Stones as an independent agency (prior to becoming part of Centerstone Indiana)

2009 \$7,000

2010 \$7,000

2011 \$2,000

2012 \$2,000

2014 \$3,500

2015 \$2,000

2016 \$5,400



MONROE COUNTY COUNCIL SOPHIA TRAVIS COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS PROGRAM 2020 APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET

SOPHIA TRAVIS COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Today's Date: 6-19-20 Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: **Why not?** _____

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Community Justice and Mediation Center

Address: 205 S. Walnut, Suite 16

City: Bloomington, Indiana Zip: 47404

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: CJAM Program Supplies and Scholarships

Project Total Cost: \$96,380 Grant Fund Request: \$3590

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
\$21,000	Community Foundation	x	
\$ 9,380	United Way	x	
\$ 25,000	Fundraising (individual giving, events, NAP)		x
\$ 34,000	In-kind pro-bono mediator hours (2000 hrs @ \$17/hr)	x	
\$7,000	Supreme Court Reform Grant pass-through	x	

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. STEP & Training Scholarships (STEP scholarships range from \$20/\$60; Training scholarships range from \$50 - \$275)	\$2500
2. Printing: STEP Workbooks 50 @ \$4.00/ea =\$200; Training workbooks 25 @ \$10/ea=\$250	\$450
3. Program Postage: \$100 for 1 st class mailings including mailing of work books @\$1.75/each and various program related documents.	\$100
4. Annual Cell Phone Service: 1 phone @ \$45/month	\$540
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PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

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

AGENCY OVERVIEW

The Community Justice and Mediation Center (CJAM) has played an important role in helping Monroe County residents respond constructively to conflict for over twenty-five years. Our staff and volunteer mediators work with individuals, organizations, the MC court system, area businesses/non-profits and others to manage and resolve conflicts. In 2019, we served 328 individuals through our mediation and restorative justice programs; provided conflict resolution education/training workshops to 96; and, provide facilitation services to 85. We maintain a roster of over 35 active mediators, ranging in age from 20 to 83 years who deliver 90% of our direct services.

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 (Housing and Eviction Resource Table); conflict coaching; conflict resolution training services; and, group facilitation. We serve any resident of Monroe County regardless of income, but on average, sixty-five percent (65%) of CJAM clients are extremely low, or very low income. Of the 328 individuals we served through direct programming, 48% were city residents, 51% were county residents, and 1 percent (1%) were out of county-residents.

Programing in COVID-19 CJAM takes the safety of our clients, volunteers, and staff seriously. In light of the current COVID-19 situation, in-person services were suspended as of March 12. We continue to provide intake and referral via phone, and now offer virtual or telephonic dispute resolution options. We have taken on-line “train the trainer” sessions to learn to deliver effective virtual mediations, meetings and trainings. In turn, we have provided training for 25 of our mediators. We are working with the courts and probation as they open, and will continue to provide our services virtually or by phone. This has included working with Judges Stafford and Benckart over the past two months to develop virtual eviction court services that will include the Housing and Eviction Resource Table services (mediation, legal and housing/social service supports); developing new forms/processes; expanding the resource hours to cover contested hearings; developing mock virtual training sessions for court staff, partner staff and CJAM volunteers. We are in the process of adapting our STEP sessions/workbook and determining what virtual training sessions we will be able to provide in the fall. We were fortunate to receive COVID emergency funding from MC United Way to expand the hours for the Housing and Eviction collaborative in anticipation of the increased eviction caseload when courts open on July 2, through December of this year. CJAM also received emergency funding from the Community Foundation to purchase a new server (computer) and a VPN router to help build our capacity for remote work.

We continue to follow the health and safety guidelines of the MC /State Health Departments and the CDC about re-opening planning. Our current office space is not large enough for adequate social distancing for in-person services, so we will continue to offer remote and virtual programming, until such a time that we can either identify space to use temporarily to provide in-person sessions in a safe manner, or until the threat has subsided. Administrative

staff and the Executive Director have limited, staggered in-office hours, so no more than 2 staff members are in the office at a time. Due to COVID-19, we had to cancel our spring fund raiser, so we are down approximately \$4000 in fund-raising for the year. We are currently most in need of funding to support general operations, scholarships, and program supplies.

Program Materials, Supplies, & Training Scholarships – Project Funding Request

CJAM seeks grant support in the amount of \$3,590 to fund the following program scholarships and materials

1. Training and STEP Scholarships (\$2500): We are requesting funding of \$2500 for partial scholarships for our 40-hour Basic Mediation and Restorative Justice Training, and STEP fees. The training scholarships will range from \$50 - \$275. 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. The scholarships to cover the \$60 STEP fees will range between \$20 and \$60. They will be available for low-income individuals or other financial hardship cases related to COVID and other circumstances. After helping to facilitate the MC Commissioners community conversations about criminal justice reform last summer, CJAM feels that the \$60 fee we charge, on top of all the court and probation fees that are charged, is too burdensome for many of the low-income clients we serve. Participants are asked to fill out a training scholarship application and our decisions are based on income levels, interest and ability to volunteer with CJAM. STEP clients complete an intake form and fees are discussed with the case manager or Executive Director. Because it is harder to project numbers of STEP clients we will be serving, or the number of trainees, we would like to have the discretion of allocating these scholarships funds to where we find the biggest need.

2. STEP and Basic Mediation & RJ Participant Training Handbooks (\$450): We are requesting \$250 (\$10/each) to fund the printing/binding for 25 training handbooks. This handbook supplements the 40-hour mediation training that is required for our volunteer mediators. The cost includes a 20% discount from the printer. We are requesting \$200 to print 50 STEP workbooks @ \$4.00/each.

3. Programs Postage (\$100): We are requesting \$100 to cover postage for various program related mailings including mailing STEP workbooks and training manuals, and other program materials.

3. Cell Phone Service (\$540): We are requesting \$540 for a designated cell phone service/number for one year for the Housing and Eviction Resource Table Project. The Project Manager is currently using her personal cell phone to do intakes and referrals, but the volume of calls has increased substantially since the eviction moratorium is lifting, and a designated line is needed. We have also found that texting is the best method for connecting with clients to provide follow-up referral services etc.

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

Today's Date: May 29, 2020

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020?

Yes: No: **Why not?** _____

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

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

Address: PO Box 3286

City: Bloomington Zip: 47402

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Food Purchase

Project Total Cost: \$154,000

Grant Fund Request: \$5,000

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
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\$7,500	Glick Fund	X	
\$9,000	Arby's /Share our Strength	X	
\$6,000	SCI-REMC		X
\$126,500	Fundraising & Grant writing		X

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.

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PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

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 2019, we served 314,911 meals & snacks to Monroe County residents! That is an average of over 1,006/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 is 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 and 1100 W 11th St, where 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. An average of 340 meals is served through these two sites each day.

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 continues to grow and reached over 425 different students through the program in this past school year.

Finally, we know that over 5,000 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 breakfast or lunch delivered each Monday - Friday to children in ten local low-income neighborhoods.

72% of individuals Community Kitchen served last year were children under 18 years old; 10% were senior citizens and 12% had experienced homelessness within the previous six months. According to 2019 surveys of dinner service patrons, 96% of people served were at or below 50% of area median income. 1.9% of patrons are veterans and another 2% are single female heads of households.

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 3,980 individuals in Monroe County in 2019. Not counted in those numbers are the other family members associated with the 425 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 and 99% of dinner patrons indicate they are Monroe County residents and all of our other meal programs serve only Monroe County residents. Therefore, nearly all of our 3,400 patrons expected to be served in 2020 will be Monroe County residents.

\$5,000 in funds requested for food purchases will help supplement our most basic cost. Children's programs accounted for 87% of food costs in 2019. Utilizing donations and the Hoosier Hills Food Bank allow us to keep food costs low. In 2019, we spent an average \$.45/meal on food. 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 2020 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 \$5,000 to purchase food. As our meal counts are now over 300,000 each year and food costs increase, our food & beverage budget has increased, as well. Our food budget for 2020 is \$154,000. As we have expanded our specialty programs for children, seniors and the chronically ill to meet the need, our food expenses continue to rise. Funds for food expenses would be most helpful. Food and personnel are our most essential costs. In the event that our request could not be fully funded, partial funding at any level is helpful.

Previous Grants

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

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

Today's Date: 6/15/2020 Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: Why not? N/A

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Courage To Change Sober Living

Address: P.O. Box 3001
City Bloomington Zip: 47402

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Starter House Kit

Project Total Cost: \$6500.00 Grant Fund Request: \$3750.00

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
\$1000.00	Network for Good donations		x
\$1000.00	Recovery Works Money		x

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. Bus pass (15)	\$450.00
2. Towels (15)	\$525.00
3. Sheets (15)	\$450.00
4. Pillow (15)	\$300.00
5. Kroger Gift Card for food (15)	\$750.00
6. Backpack (15)	\$375.00
7. Key Deposit (15)	\$525.00
8. Hygiene Kit	\$375.00

PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

Courage to Change Sober Living

Mission:

Courage to Change Sober Living provides safe, sober, supportive, low barrier affordable transitional housing options to people affected by substance use disorders while providing a foundation for sober living by partnering with individuals, families and communities impacted by addiction and substance abuse issues and providing individuals with space to take responsibility for their own recovery.

Project Synopsis:

Courage to Change Sober Living is requesting **\$3750** to initiate our pilot **Starter House Kit** program for residents entering our program. This is a new program that will address obstacles and needs faced by residents coming into our program. This will serve 15 new residents at a time by providing the following items to first time residents: bus pass; hygiene packet; new sheets; new towels; Kroger gift card for food; backpack; pillow and key deposit. The total amount for these items is \$250.00.

Need:

Our residents face many obstacles including paying rent and being able to buy essentials while transitioning out of homelessness, unemployment, incarceration or other crisis situations. Our residents come to us with virtually nothing—no sheets, pillows, bus passes, backpacks, clothing—all things many of us take for granted.

The *Starter House Kit* gives our residents help by providing these few essentials right when they need them most. As with our Fresh Start Program which provides rent scholarships to our residents the Starter House Kit gives our residents some breathing room to focus on other things such as finding employment, paying probation and other court fees, getting rooted in their sobriety, working with our managers on their recovery plan and getting reconnected to their family members and others in the community. *The Starter House Kit* will act as a welcoming gesture to our residents letting them know we care about them and understand that moving into a new house can be very stressful in the best of times and we hope this simple Starter House Kit will relieve a bit of this stress.

Courage To Change has provided these items to our residents in the past and will continue to provide these items as needed but often these items have been used by other residents and we wanted to start this program so our residents have new items as they move into our houses. We pride ourselves on not only working with our clients while living in our houses but also helping them once they leave our houses and setting them up with some items to take with them is part of this process.

Our *Starter House Kit* is directly aligned with the priorities of the Sophia Travis funding criteria as a program that addresses the essential needs of food, shelter and security for those struggling with substance abuse disorder.

COVID-19

The safety of our residents and house managers as well as the public has been and continues to be of utmost concern

to the board of Courage To Change Sober Living. To that end CTC has done the following: provided masks for our residents; provided cleaning and disinfectant supplies for our houses; provided information about COVID safety guidelines; held virtual meetings for our residents; holding meetings in spaces where they can be socially distanced; checked in on our residents more often to make sure they are supported and that they are managing their stress levels; helped with unemployment applications; provided resources for rent help; provided our residents with food from the Community Kitchen so they would not have to shop for food if they didn't feel safe doing so; house managers have worked more hours each week in order to make sure our houses are remaining safe and given our residents more opportunities to speak with our house managers; provide information on employment opportunities since many of our residents had their hours cut or lost their jobs and we continue to stay abreast of CDC protocol and our local health department recommendations.

As things continue to change we will continue to change protocols and the way we manage our houses in order to continue to keep them safe for our residents and the community.

We also have been hesitant to accept donated items such as bedding, pillows and hygiene items from individuals that have been used. The *Starter House Kit* will also help us get through this until we feel better about accepting such items.

Leverage of Additional Funds:

Courage To Change will leverage other sources of funding for our *Starter House Kit* program including donations from Network for Good, individual donations and other grant programs as they become available.

Broad and Lasting Impact

Safe and stable housing is an important aspect of breaking down the barriers our residents face after struggling with substance abuse disorders. Once individuals are in a stable housing environment they can concentrate on their recovery without worrying about becoming homeless. This also allows them to start to reconnect with the community and family, seek better employment opportunities, concentrate on any health issues they may have and work with our CTC house managers and peers to make a plan for their continued sobriety. Part of this safe and stable housing is also providing items to our residents such as bedding, towels, clothing, hygiene items, bus passes and referrals to other resources in our community.

95% of the clients Courage To Change Sober Living serves are from Monroe County. We started with one house and have grown to four houses—two men's and two women's. We have moved into two larger houses which means we will be able to accommodate 25 people—up from the 18 we previously could serve.

Most if not all of our residents come to us with no resources—no money, no family ties, no job and certainly no items such as bedding, clothing, bus passes hygiene items or food. This pilot program gives them the help they need until they become more stable in their recovery and in their employment situation.

2020

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: **Why not?**

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Grace Center, Inc.

Address: PO BOX 5

City: Harrodsburg Zip: 47434

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Food Purchase

Project Total Cost: \$9,250 Grant Fund Request: \$3,000

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
\$1,500	Indian Creek Township	x	
\$1,500	UDWI REMC Community Fund Inc.		x
\$450	Kroger Rewards		x
\$1,500	Area churches		x
\$1,300	Community Donations		x

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. HHFB	\$4000
2. Milk/Bread/Eggs	\$3400
3. Meat/Peanut Butter/Protein	\$1100
4. Dry Goods/Canned Goods	\$400
5. Produce	\$350

PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

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. 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, Indiana 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 continues to be a “client choice” food pantry with the COVID-19 pandemic being an exception. Normally, our clients choose the food items they wish to take with them. We believe this is a dignified way for our clients to receive food and it is a more common-sense approach, since they will more likely eat the food they choose. 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. Each year Grace Center prepares breakfast at Harrodsburg Heritage Days and asks participants for in-kind donations but this year the festival was canceled. 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 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.

A mission of Grace Center is to not only provide food but to also promote social interaction with our clients. During open 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 in our small space, they were able to socialize and connect to us. This can be especially important when clients are elderly or isolated from their neighbors.

COVID-19 Response

Our client’s and volunteer’s safety are important, and we have received guidance from the Monroe Rev.5/2020

County Board of Health as well as following CDC, Hoosier Hills Food Bank, and Indiana State Department of Health guidelines. Food distribution was changed to drive through style. All volunteers wear masks and take temperature readings with a contactless digital thermometer and hand sanitizer is available. Cleaning of high contact surfaces happen before and after each shift. Our canopy is set up right outside our front door with some orange cones at the supports closest to the road. Clients drive up to the canopy and stay in their cars. Volunteers deliver food directly to the vehicles, either placing them in the front and/or back seats or in the trunk or back hatch. We may converse with the clients but always wear our masks and use hand sanitizer after touching vehicles. We don't see this changing for quite some time but it has worked well and clients seem to have adapted to the change nicely although we do know some would rather shop like they used to and visit at the same time. Hopefully once the COVID-19 crisis passes, we will be able to do the normal things again.

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 \$3,000 for assistance from the Monroe County Council to help with the cost of food purchases for 2021. 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.

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

Today's Date: 6/22/20 Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: Why not? N/A, did not receive prior funding

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County

Address: 213 E Kirkwood Ave

City: Bloomington Zip: 47408

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Habitat for Humanity Women Build site preparation

Project Total Cost: \$30,760.00 Grant Fund Request: \$9,940.00

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
\$10,000.00	Jack Hopkins City of Bloomington	x	

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. W. Duncan Right of Way Tree Removal	\$5,000.00
2. Women Build Site Access from W. Guy	\$2,250.00
3. Encroaching Fence removal	\$2,690.00
4.	
5.	

ATTACHED: A 2019 year-end (or comparable end-of-fiscal-year) financial statement for your organization. It must include fund balances, along with total revenue and expenditures

BELOW: A list of all grants your organization has received from Monroe County, including year received and amount:

- 9/2006 Grant received from Monroe County Treasurer: \$5,000 for Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County
- 10/2007 Grant received from Monroe County Treasurer: \$5,000 for Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County

PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County's (HFHMC) mission is to eliminate poverty housing by building decent, affordable homes in partnership with qualifying families. Through volunteer labor and tax-deductible donations of money and materials, our houses are sold to future homeowners at no profit and are financed with affordable loans. As partnering families pay back their interest-free mortgages, we are able to offer future opportunities for home ownership, making an impact for additional families.

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, we aim to preserve capacity to continue building for families in need. Our 2020 goal included housing 12 families. While we know that our ability to meet this goal will be impacted by the crisis, quickly resuming construction will minimize its impact and allow us to adjust our future schedule to align with new fundraising and mortgage realities and resume planning with families.

We are requesting \$9,940.00 for site preparation gap funding due to lost revenue. This will allow Habitat to hire contractors this summer to complete the necessary site preparation - including tree removal, site access, and removal of an encroaching fence – that will enable Habitat to resume building our next two homes alongside volunteers and partnering families this fall.

To help families financially survive this crisis, Habitat is offering forbearance to homeowners unable to pay their mortgages due to COVID-19 income loss. Approximately 25% of our families have been unable to pay their mortgages over the past several months, reducing Habitat's revenue by approximately \$15,000/month. Simultaneously, we have had two other major sources of revenue disrupted – Women Build fundraising for two homes (budgeted to be \$200,000) and ReStore retail operations. Essentially every source of revenue that allows Habitat to operate and build homes has been significantly and adversely impacted.

Originally scheduled for Spring 2020, we have postponed our annual Women Build tentatively to Fall 2020. But due to our significant revenue losses, we are unable to move forward with the infrastructure work that will allow us to quickly begin building once the danger has subsided. Skilled contractors are needed to complete the required site preparation. We have received \$10,000 in bridge funding from the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Program, and are requesting an additional \$9,940.00 to help Habitat close the gap in lost donation and mortgage revenue. Support from the Sophia Travis Community Service Grant Program will allow us to quickly resume building homes for families in need in our community, beginning with these two Women Build homes this fall.

Women Build mobilizes over 400 volunteers, including Crew Leaders and committee members. In addition, partner families gain significant required sweat equity during Women Build. Currently, there are seventeen households enrolled in the Future Homeowner program and approximately eighteen individuals from these households will have the opportunity to participate in Women Build.

Habitat for Humanity has always been community-focused, and we will continue to offer our hand to the hardworking families in Monroe County who need it most. With assistance from the Sophia Travis Community Services Grant Program we can continue to support current Habitat homeowners hardest hit by income loss, and limit disruptions to future homeowners by preparing to quickly resume construction activities with volunteers once it is safe. This funding will ensure HFHMC has the resources to play a role in helping low-income individuals and families in our community to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. By allowing us to move forward with construction preparations, we stand ready to build again alongside families who need affordable homes in Bloomington. Maintaining our construction schedule will permit us to reopen our application window for future homeowners and accept new families in to our program. The opportunity to preserve the number of homes we build annually will benefit more people in Bloomington by helping them purchase affordable homes at a cost of no more than 30% of their monthly income.

Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County will follow all state and local practices to keep volunteers and supporters safe, including but not limited to requiring masks and social distancing, and providing hand washing stations and hand sanitizer for all participants.

SOPHIA TRAVIS COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS PROGRAM

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Today's Date: 6/17/20

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: **Why not?** _____

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry

Address: 4490A State Road 327

City: Garrett Zip: 46738

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: "Meat" the Need 2020-2021

Project Total Cost: \$1,562,700 Grant Fund Request: \$10,000

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
\$259,000.00	Grants: Community Foundations/Foundation/United Ways/Walmart		X
\$81,000.00	Individual Donations/Interest Income		X
\$140,000.00	Fundraisers & Events		X
\$75,000.00	Indiana DNR: Sportsman's Benevolence Fund		X
\$1,007,700.00	In-Kind	X	

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. Meat Processing Fees	\$386,500.00
2. Business Expenses	\$122,500.00
3. Fundraising Expenses	\$46,000.00
4. In-Kind	\$1,007,700.00
5.	

PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

**Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry
“Meat” the Need**

More than ever, families are struggling to buy groceries. MEAT provides one of the most important nutrients (protein) that is vital to the growth and development of children and the health of all Hoosiers. Sadly, it is also one of the most expensive and hardest commodities for hunger relief agencies to get. Food banks, pantries, and soup kitchens continuously work to protect the most vulnerable and under-served in our communities... With the spread of COVID-19, these agencies are facing increased demand as people lose income due to the measures put in place to slow the spread of infection.

Founded in 2011, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry encourages hunters and farmers to donate large game and livestock to our “Meat” the Need program through a participating meat processor (85 statewide), raises financial support to pay processing fees on these donations, and gives this nutritious meat/protein to hunger relief agencies.

We are committed to responding to the needs of our communities facing hunger throughout Indiana and are partnering with Indiana farmers to fill the void and get meat to those in need during this critical time. We have had the opportunity to help reduce food insecurity by receiving 500 donated pigs per week. We want to ensure that these pigs can feed those in need instead of ending up in landfills by rescuing this food that would otherwise go to waste and feed more people in need right now.

Our goal is to provide this protein-packed meat to hunger-relief agencies because getting groceries at local food banks and pantries is the only way to guarantee healthy meals, or meals at all, for many individuals and families when they need the extra help. This effort will help by meeting a basic, immediate need - reducing food insecurity in our vulnerable populations and empowering people by getting them back on track to hunger-free, independent living.

Our request for \$10,000 will pay for the processing of approximately 8,000 pounds of donated livestock within Monroe County. (Due to the pandemic, we are experiencing a decrease in donations for our upcoming fundraiser, as well as the possibility of not having this event at all. This event provides about 1/3 of our annual income and aids in paying for a portion of our administrative costs, therefore, we are asking that, if awarded, 10% of this grant be used for these costs so that we may continue to provide this service.) This proposal will provide over 31,000 more meals to combat food insecurity in the weeks and months to come. Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry has worked with Rice Quality Farm Meats, to ensure that Monroe County residents in need have access to this nutritious protein. This partnership has led to the donation of over 5,000 pounds of meat over the last year. These donations were given to and distributed by Community Kitchen of Monroe County, Wheeler Mission, Monroe County United Ministries, Hannah Center, and Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard – providing over 20,000 more meals!

While on our mission, we are doing all we can to make sure proper precautions and safety measures are being followed to ensure the health and safety of all participants involved (i.e. social distancing, following CDC guidelines, etc..). Some of these precautions include helping to schedule donation drop-offs and pick-ups so that there is no overlap and large groupings, along with having these exchanges take place in an outdoor setting.

(Please note, we have just begun requesting funds for our fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020.)

Previous Monroe County grants:

Sophia Travis Community Service Grants	2016 - \$1,700 / 2017 - \$2,750 / 2018 - \$ 4,600 / 2019 - \$2,000
Jack Hopkins Social Service Grant	2018 - \$2,700

SOPHIA TRAVIS COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Today's Date: 6/22/2020 Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: **Why not?**

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Hotels for Homeless (fiscally sponsored program of New Leaf- New Life INC.)

Address: 1010 Walnut St. Suite H

City: Bloomington Zip: 47401

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Hotels for Homeless technology upgrade

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

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
\$20,000	Monroe County United Way		x
\$5,000	Anthem Foundation	x	
\$25,000	Indiana CTSI Community Health Partnerships Trailblazer Award		x
\$15,000	SpartanNash Foundation		x
\$30,000	Private Donations/Fundraising		x

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. Laptop	\$800
2. Human Services Software	\$500
3. Donor Management Software	\$1,200
4. Tablet for client use	\$200
5. Client care expenses (hotel rooms, transportation costs, application fees, etc)	\$2300

PROJECT NARRATIVE:

Hotels for Homeless (H4H) was founded in Bloomington in March 2020. Its purpose is to provide emergency housing to individuals and families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. H4H is grounded in low-barrier, Housing First principles that have been proven to reduce homelessness and preserve community resources. In addition to providing shelter, H4H works to connect participants to appropriate wrap-around services including food pantries, Township Trustees, The BHA (including Section 8), Centerstone, Medicaid, FSSA, SNAP, unemployment benefits, disability and aging services, Veteran assistance programs, and referrals to area housing rental companies. In an attempt to remove unnecessary barriers, H4H assists applicants with online forms and over the phone applications for employment, housing, and other community resources. Since the program's inception, we have housed 89 community members and successfully transitioned 33 of them into their own stable living situations. We believe that our high success rate for rehousing highlights the benefits of moving away from a traditional shelter model and providing more comprehensive and integrated temporary housing options. It is our goal to build a sustainable program that integrates these principles into long term solutions, even after the threat of COVID-19 has diminished or disappeared.

Emergency accommodations with private sleeping and bathing spaces are preferable to traditional congregate living situations, especially for those persons at high risk. During the current pandemic, there has been a marked increase in the need for assistance with many local shelters at or nearing capacity, or even closing their doors for good. We have also begun to see an "eviction avalanche" as those persons unable to pay rent during COVID-19 and previously protected by an eviction freeze are being removed from their homes following the reopening of Monroe County. Although the threat of COVID-19 might appear to be waning, the economic effects on those experiencing episodic homelessness or in danger of homelessness will be serious and ongoing. H4H regularly receives referrals from other local aid organizations such as SCCAP, New Hope, Shalom Center, Centerstone, MCUM, and the Indiana Recovery Alliance. We have also assisted persons referred to us by local hospitals and BPD. Whereas traditional congregate living situations are typically short on space and are not conducive to housing families, the hotels we use can house almost anyone, regardless of their situation or family makeup. This model protects both the individual participant and the community by allowing families to isolate safely together.

While rapid rehousing is not a new concept (U.S. HUD, 2015; Rapid Rehousing, 2018), ours is an innovative program in Monroe County. The partnership with hotels that have low occupancy rates due to the COVID-19 crisis has allowed H4H to cultivate an independent living situation for families. Conventional shelter programs are not typically structured to accommodate families; in Monroe County, only one program allows for families to remain together and they can only take up to 16 families at a time. The strain that separating families has on a person's health can be monumental, and studies have shown that the stress of being separated can cause traumatic and long lasting effects on the mental and physical health of someone experiencing homelessness, especially children. The rate of exposure to COVID-19 is exponential when families are separated at night and come back together during the day. Additionally, conventional shelters are rarely set up to accommodate cross-gendered, single parents with child(ren) living situations.

The rapid rehousing model utilized by H4H also allows for those who identify outside of "traditional", binary gender identities. It can be difficult for those who do not strictly identify as male or female (i.e., non-binary or transgender) to find safe shelter because conventional programming oftentimes places participants by assigned gender at birth. Moreover, due to the low-barrier nature of the programming H4H employs, those who are struggling with substance misuse are not barred from accessing safe, temporary housing while also receiving wrap-around services from qualified providers.

Our program participants comprise a wide range of community members who have a variety of different needs, both medical and cultural, that make them particularly vulnerable to the threat of COVID-19 and its

impact. We currently provide temporary housing for 20 people- families with children, elderly persons, individuals with mental and physical disabilities, and community members with various illnesses such as autoimmune diseases, asthma, COPD, and cancer. The majority of our program participants were employed and housed prior to the state shutdown and are seeking a safety net until they can recoup from the repercussions of the crisis. Many either do not qualify for traditional temporary shelter or are unable to enter housing programs due to the overwhelming amount of need during the current crisis. The aim of our organization is to help fill these gaps in the existing systems of care.

Hotels for Homeless has a fiscal sponsorship contract with New Leaf - New Life Inc to provide financial and legal responsibility for the program. The H4H program is currently staffed by 2 directors and 4 support staff consultants, all of whom are unpaid volunteers working out of their homes with their own resources. Due to current health and safety concerns our staff limits in-person interactions with each other and program participants and follows all CDC guidelines when in-person contact must happen, such as during basic needs deliveries or fundraising events. The award of the Sophia Travis Community Service Grant funding will allow H4H to purchase technology and software that will be used to streamline both case management and program management while we continue to isolate, as well as connect participants with additional services such as online housing and job applications, wellness support and other necessities. With the additional funding directed toward hotel room expenses we could provide for several more families. Each would receive up to 28 days of paid hotel room stays, prepared meals and pantry box deliveries 3 times a week, access to hotel amenities such as breakfast and internet service, and connections to area social services while transitioning to stable housing of their own.

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

Today's Date: 6/22/2020

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**,
did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No:

Why not?

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of
Organization: Indiana Recovery Alliance

Address: 118 S Rogers St Suite 2

City: Bloomington Zip: 47404

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution: COVID-19 Response

Project Total Cost: 10,000

Grant Fund Request: 10,000

Total # of Clients Directly Impacted by this Grant Project:

1352

Number of those impacted who are Monroe County Residents:

1352

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
Naloxone Kit Building Supplies	\$7,500
Program Administrator Hourly Wages	\$2,500

PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

The Indiana Recovery Alliance (IRA) operates under the philosophy of harm reduction to educate the community and to promote the health and dignity of the individuals and communities impacted by drug use. We respectfully collaborate with people to assist in any positive change, as a person defines it for themselves, beginning where the person is at, with no biases or condemnation for the person's chosen lifestyle. Our efforts advance policies, practices and programs that address the adverse effects of drug use including overdose, HIV, hepatitis C, addiction and incarceration.

One of the resources the IRA provides for people who use drugs is free access to naloxone (the opioid overdose reversal drug) and naloxone administration training. Due to COVID-19, there has been a drastic increase in fatal overdose and nonfatal overdose reports, as the drug supply is unstable and increasingly poisoned, and people are returning to use or using more than usual in order to cope with the stress and trauma of the global pandemic. Some people have reported returning to use out of fear that they would no longer be able to go to their daily clinic appointments to access their Medication Assisted Treatment. Now, more than ever, it is important that we get Naloxone into the hands of people who may experience or witness overdose. Our Overdose Prevention Coordination (OPC) program takes the lead on overdose education and naloxone distribution within Monroe County and across the state of Indiana. Naloxone, also referred to as "Narcan," is the opioid overdose reversal drug. The Indiana Recovery Alliance is the most effective fatal overdose program in the state, with approximately 4,000 overdose reversals since our inception. Over 50,000 doses of naloxone were dispensed during the 2019 calendar year.

The invariable goal is to reduce overdose deaths in Monroe County, and ultimately across the state of Indiana. How this happens is dynamic and expansive. The main pillars are to:

1. Provide trainings on overdose prevention and the use of Naloxone to people who use drugs (PWUD), their loved ones, healthcare professionals, treatment providers, law enforcement, behavioral health workers, and community members.
2. Distribute free Naloxone kits.
3. Provide technical assistance to organizations/groups/facilities wanting to set up their own overdose prevention education and Naloxone distribution programs.
4. Develop relationships with PWUD, with an emphasis on rural PWUD, to facilitate Naloxone distribution within their own communities.

Taking a harm reduction approach, our Overdose Prevention Coordinator distributes naloxone directly to people who use drugs and other individuals, and work closely with organizations to incorporate customized overdose prevention programming centered around safer drug use and naloxone availability. Overdose Prevention Coordinators also lead overdose prevention trainings for community members, as well as staff & client trainings at outside organizations. Community training sessions are free, open to the public, and advertised in advance.

The IRA respectfully requests \$10,000 for Overdose Prevention Coordination supplies and wages, out of the total \$384,912 total budget needed for our program in 2019.

List all grants your organization has received from Monroe County, including year received and amount:

Sophia Travis, 2015 - \$2,500
Sophia Travis, 2016 - \$6,790
Sophia Travis, 2017 - \$4,750
Sophia Travis, 2018 - \$5,500
MC CARES 2018 - \$4,059.15
Sophia Travis, 2019 - \$5,000

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

Today's Date: June 9, 2020

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**,
did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: **Why not?** _____

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of
Organization: Lotus Education & Arts Foundation

Address: PO Box 1667

City: Bloomington, IN Zip: 47402

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Community Puzzle Project

Project Total Cost: \$7,583 Grant Fund Request: \$2,750

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

PROJECT NARRATIVE

Mission

The mission of the Lotus Education & Arts Foundation is to create opportunities to experience, celebrate, and explore the diversity of the world's cultures, through music and the arts.

Community Puzzle Project

The Community Puzzle Project will engage youth, their caretakers, and the wider community in Monroe County to create several collaborative large-scale puzzles, in the leadup to the 27th Lotus World Music & Arts Festival (Sept. 24 -27, 2020). Puzzle pieces made of paperboard will fit together to make square and rectangular shapes that can be joined to make one large whole or several smaller units. Families and individuals of all ages will have the opportunity to decorate a large puzzle piece with their personal artwork and/or with messages of hope for a more peaceful, more equitable world. In this time of physical distancing, creating art that brings the community together has never been more important. Local puzzle-maker Marc Tschida will cut the approximately 1,000 puzzle pieces that will be used to create these collaborative works. Some completed puzzles will be displayed during the Festival, and the final puzzles will be hung at the Lotus Firebay in early November, when community members will be invited to view the exhibit and see how their contributions fit into the collective final piece. In the event of public health restrictions, the exhibit will be transformed into a virtual exhibit tour.

Why Puzzles?

Puzzle pieces, like members of our community, are unique in shape, size, and color. This project celebrates the beauty represented by diverse points of view and life experiences. It complements Lotus' ongoing mission, while taking a local angle to highlight the diversity of individuals within our own community. The project is intended to support youth enrichment and the quality of life for local residents by providing an opportunity for creative expression and collaboration in a time of social-distancing.

Community Partnerships

Community engagement is at the heart of our work at Lotus. Year-round, Lotus engages in planning with a variety of community organizations, partners, and individual volunteers and stakeholders to develop creative multicultural programs for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. Ongoing and potential community partners for this project include Boys & Girls Club, Fourth Street Festival of the Arts and Crafts, Black Vulture Project, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl's Inc., Fairview Elementary, IU Folklore Student's Association, and local churches, synagogues, and mosques. We aim to serve a diverse and inclusive audience.

Artist Partner

Marc Tschida is the founder of Bloomington, IN based Press Puzzles. A self-taught puzzle maker, he utilizes scroll saw, laser cutter and coping saw to cut intricate wooden jigsaw puzzles. Tschida began using a scroll saw in 2012 as a hobby and over four years grew his puzzle making

craft into a full-time job working under the banner Press Puzzles. His scroll saw cut puzzles are included in the *Slocum Puzzle Collection* at Indiana University Lilly Library in Bloomington, IN and at *The Strong National Museum of Play* in Rochester, NY. Tschida is also an alumni and current instructor on puzzle making at the Marc Adams School of Woodworking in Franklin, IN.

Project Timeline

- July 2020 - collaboration with local summer programs
- August 2020 - public workshops at Lotus Firebay (alternative: opportunity for take-home project)
- September 2020 - Puzzle kits made available for Lotus Festival attendees and by curbside pick-up, in lieu of Arts Village activities
- October 2020 – targeted outreach to local community partners, including schools, churches, synagogues, and mosques
- Early November 2020 - unveiling of final Community Puzzle
- December 2020 - Project review and final documentation

Accessibility

As diversity is at the core of our mission, this project is designed to be inclusive. Public workshops will take place in Lotus Firebay, which is ADA accessible. Additionally, participants may choose to work on their puzzle piece from home and return it to Lotus by mail. The Sophia Travis Grant will ensure that cost is not a barrier for participation.

Health and Safety

In light of the ongoing pandemic, health and safety of our staff and participants is critical. This project is intentionally adaptable to ensure it is in compliance with state and county public health guidelines at the time of implementation. The puzzle project is self-guided, which allows youth to work on their individual creations in the safety of their homes. All workshops and exhibits taking place in Lotus Firebay will comply with social-distance requirements. Extra precautions will be taken by leaving the doors open to ensure natural airflow, use of hand sanitizers, gloves, and masks required by all participants and staff. In the event that public gatherings cannot take place, this project is easily adapted to a curbside pick-up/drop-off project. Packages will be disinfected to ensure safety of staff who will install the final project and we will share the images of the collaborative piece online.

Support for Funding Request

Monroe County has a growing cultural diversity, an expanded knowledge-based economy, and a core population enthusiastic about incorporating arts and culture into their life and work. Lotus has a successful track record of offering family-friendly arts and cultural experiences that offer joy, promote inclusion, and inspire creativity for a strong Monroe County. Continued support of cultural experiences fosters an equitable community and ensures that we reflect, represent, and engage the entire community. Lotus has individual donors who love visual arts projects for youth. We intend to leverage this grant to seek additional individual support. However, we do know that many of our donors have been adversely affected by the global pandemic and realize that grant support is particularly important in this challenging year.

PROJECT BUDGET

INCOME

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$2,750	Sophia Travis Community Service Grant		X
\$4,833	Individual Donations		X
\$7,583	TOTAL		

EXPENSES

Item	Cost
1. Project Supplies	\$1,340
2. Community Engagement Artist Fee	\$250
3. Exhibit Installation Supplies	\$423
4. Printing and Postage	\$570
5. Outreach director and outreach assistant staff time	\$5,000
6. TOTAL:	\$7,583

SOPHIA TRAVIS COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Today's Date: 6/19/2020

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: **Why not?** _____

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Middle Way House, Inc.

Address: 338 S. Washington St.

City: Bloomington, IN Zip: 47401

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Rise and Shine Childcare at Middle Way House

Project Total Cost: \$10,171 Grant Fund Request: \$10,171

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. Social Emotional Learning Curriculum	\$649
2. Childcare Software	\$918
3. Indoor play equipment	\$1,550
4. Roomscape for infants	\$1,600
5. Preschool Functional Room Dividers	\$1,510
6. Sensory Tables for both classrooms (\$525 each)	\$1,050
7. Tables and Chairs for Infant/Toddler room (\$475 for table; 2 mealtime chairs with trays, \$183 ea.; 6, 10 in Childscape chairs, \$86 ea., \$516 total; 2 Teacher Chairs, \$188 ea.)	\$1,550
8. Chairs for Preschool Room (12 12" chairs at \$112 ea.)	\$1344

PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

Middle Way House is requesting funding for revitalization of our Rise and Shine Childcare program serving the children of survivors of domestic violence with nationally accredited childcare. The organization hopes to be able to purchase a number of items to improve the environment these children experience in order to help them develop physically and emotionally healthy lives.

The children in our program have been aware of and effected by domestic abuse and many of them have been effected by additional co-stressors and adverse childhood experiences. Our objective is to create an environment, in collaboration with the families and community, in which children are able to build skills in emotional management and situational awareness in order to build resilience and thrive. The curriculum, Second Step, uses evidence-based and teacher-informed practices in variety of tools that create a kit that allow classrooms and schools to empower students with skills and create holistic environment of social emotional growth. The curriculum is produced by a Seattle-based nonprofit, Committee for Children, and is being used in over 26,000 schools worldwide. The program is endorsed by the Department of Education and the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) and is being utilized by other high quality early learning centers right here in Bloomington. Engagement and communication with parents is a key facet to our program and crucial to the well-being of the children. While we have the opportunity to communicate with parents as part of pick-up and drop-off, these windows are often hectic and rushed with children who are hesitant to leave their parents and parents who are in a rush to get to work or go home and start dinner. In order to expand our ability to communicate and build trust with our families, we are very hopeful to acquire a user-friendly childcare application that allows our staff to communicate with parents with a safe, confidential, and user-friendly platform. This would not only include texts and emails but also pictures, videos, and daily tracking information.

Beyond communicating with parents, this application would allow us to track attendance, scheduling, and any other reporting all on the same platform—reducing administrative overhead and time spent hunting down and completing paperwork and increasing the amount of time we invest in the kids. Our Infant/Toddler Classroom, otherwise known as the “Caterpillar Room”, is full of children who are rearing to explore the world and are eager to develop their gross motor skills, particularly in the form of climbing! We hope to purchase the “Nursery Gym” from Community Play Things because the Rise and Shine team would love provide our kids this opportunity indoors with safe, durable, and functional equipment. We particularly love that this model allows us to “shut down” this area with safety gates so that it does not become a favorite distraction during other critical parts of our daily routine. While we are fortunate enough to have two classrooms to be able to provide spaces for different age groups. However, our caterpillar room (ages 0-3) has children in a range of developmental stages—some learning to babble and roll over while others are learning to skip and speak in sentences. Additionally, because of the nature of our work at the Middle Way House, we have a bit of an unpredictable roster of children—one week we may have one infant and two toddlers and then next we may be providing care for 10 children in a combination of these ages. Because of this, one of our wish-list priorities is to acquire a set of “room-scape panels and posts” to create a space for infants to safely explore regardless of what is going on in the rest of the classroom.

In the management of our preschool classroom, having spaces that are dedicated to different activities

helps our kids learn classroom rules and keeps them focused on given activities. This “play store” room scape would allow us to expand our dramatic play area that our children love while simultaneously creating sections of our classroom that help young brains organize where we play, eat, listen, nap etc. There are no activities that are more unanimously adored by our little humans than sensory play! Having well-constructed, child-designed sensory tables for both of our classrooms would allow us to incorporate these activities more smoothly into our daily center times. Our current table and chairs set in our “Caterpillar Room” is not particularly functional for our youngest program participants. This table and chairs set would allow our classroom staff to facilitate smooth eating and activity times with

products that are sure to last for a long time!

Finally, the chairs in our preschool program are continuously under repair because of their quality. This is a core piece of basic infrastructure and we hope to invest in solidly built materials that facilitate engaging meals and exercises with the children while also holding up to the wear and tear of 40+ toddlers and small children every year for years to come.

Rise and Shine childcare takes all appropriate precautions to protect vulnerable children including face masks for every child (new daily), consistent sanitation of toys, play surfaces, dishes, etc. Frequent handwashing or use of sanitizer is now standard practice for all staff and all children in attendance. Social distancing is practiced as much as is possible at all times.

County Away Received	Year	Amount
Sophia Travis	2019	\$4,000
Sophia Travis	2018	\$1,500
Sophia Travis	2017	\$5,300
Sophia Travis	2016	\$9,200
Sophia Travis	2015	\$7,500

SOPHIA TRAVIS COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Today's Date: 6/2/2020

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: YES No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: YES No: **Why not?** _____

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: MidWay Music Speaks

Address: 502 S Walnut St., PO Box #2295

City: Bloomington, IN Zip: 47402

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Education Initiative: Girls Rock Bloomington & MidWay Music Summit

Project Total Cost: \$10,500 Grant Fund Request: \$6,000

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
\$1700	Arts MidWest Grant	\$1700	
\$2000	BUEA Zone Arts Grant	\$2000	

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. Artist, Instructor, and Speaker Fees (Summit + Camps + Workshops)	\$6000
2. Instruments, Recording/Podcast Equipment, Software for Virtual Sessions	\$2000
3. Girls Rock Scholarships	\$2000
4. Rising Star expenses (venue fees, promotion, etc.)	\$500
5.	

A 2019 year-end (or comparable end-of-fiscal-year) financial statement for your organization. It must include fund balances, along with total revenue and expenditures.

See attached 2019 Statement of Activity.

A list of all grants your organization has received from Monroe County, including year received and amount.

1. 2018 Sophia Travis Grant -- \$1550
2. 2019 Sophia Travis Grant -- \$1400

PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

MidWay Music Speaks is a nonprofit organization that celebrates and connects women of all identities and non-binary people in music via promotion, empowerment, and performance opportunities. MidWay houses a variety of programs for people of all ages and has an education initiative that supports these efforts. Primary programming includes MidWay Music Festival, Girls Rock Bloomington summer camp for girls, trans, and non-binary youth ages 8-16, and Rising Star, a music workshop series for teens. In 2020, MidWay began programming MidWay Music Summit alongside the festival. The Summit is an educational event that brings professionals to discuss their work in the music industry and work with artists, community members, and festivalgoers to share and educate attendees about the business and administrative side of music, such as audio engineering, distribution, photography, videography, and more.

MidWay's Girls Rock Bloomington camp for girls, trans, and non-binary youth programs a week of music classes giving campers the opportunity to learn instruments, take workshops on the industry (such as merch designs, gear maintenance, and more), and participate in songwriting sessions with their bands. At the end of the week, the newly formed bands have completed at least one song to be performed in a showcase for the community. For most campers, this is their first time on stage, in a band, and playing an instrument. MidWay provides all the gear for campers and young musicians to use, as no experience is required and many can't afford their own instruments. To support this initiative and decrease financial barriers to this camp and music, MidWay provides five full scholarships to campers in need and kids affiliated with the local Boys and Girls Club. In the past, we've only had enough funding to cover the costs of some equipment and camp staff to accommodate 20 campers for one week. With increased funding, we plan to purchase additional gear and provide more instructor fees in order to have multiple Girls Rock camps throughout the year plus after school programming, as we've filled the camp quickly every year.

Due to COVID-19, this program as well as others has been restructured in order to be accessible virtually. Music can provide order in a world of chaos, and depriving individuals from accessing music education opportunities can have a lasting impact on communities. Therefore, Girls Rock Bloomington has become a free series of weekly workshops via Zoom sessions for summer 2020. Beyond the camp, our camp director is working on a spin-off of Girls Rock camp to youth year-round, creating an afterschool series of programming and workshops for local area-schoolchildren. Funds will support this initiative, help cover the costs of

instructors, venue rentals, and additional gear for students in need, and subsidize the cost for students to receive scholarships and financial-aid.

MidWay Music Festival & Summit is also becoming a virtual event this year to create a week filled with livestream performances from artists across the country and digital panels from industry professionals to educate audiences about different aspects of the industry, such as record labels, distribution methods, artist management, music photography, and audio engineering. All artists and panelists are women-identifying or non-binary people, not only giving them a platform to share their work, but also educating audiences about the challenges and gender inequity within music.

MidWay plans to take this Summit into the virtual world after the festival through an online mentorship program that connects artists with professionals in the industry to get feedback on their work from record label executives, audio engineers, and others, and also hosts workshops virtually as well as in person in order to increase access to programming. This mentorship program will be available for all ages and designed for a wide-range of experience levels. Whether it's a Girls Rock camper looking for additional songwriting lessons or feedback, a teen looking to put their first demo together, or an arts administrator looking to start their career, individuals will have the opportunity to connect and learn from those working in the field.

MidWay has incorporated educational programming to empower area youth to become future performers and artists. It's important for us to increase our arts education programming, as arts and cultural opportunities are often the first budget line items to be removed during financial stress.

This funding request supports all of these educational and mentorship programs, providing MidWay with the ability to not only include people of all backgrounds, but also create empowering connections to lower the barrier into the music industry.

While MidWay aims to address gender equity in the music industry, MidWay also aims to make live music and the business side of the industry accessible to all. Currently, there is no local music venue for all ages. This neglects the next generation of performers, artists, and industry professionals and provides a barrier for youth to see live shows and participate in music culture. The need for an all ages venue is vital, and through educational programming and mentorship, we can continue to voice the need for such spaces in the community, and hopefully find a way to invest in an all ages venue that not only acts as a community space, but also houses MidWay's educational and mentorship programs.

Until a space like this is available, MidWay is subject to high rental costs for non-traditional music venues that allow youth a place to learn and perform. Some of this funding will support these spaces, along with the additional program costs.

Our educational programming, and more specifically Girls Rock Bloomington and the Summit strive to encourage more women-identifying and non-binary people to make music and pursue careers in the music industry, while also bringing more gender diversity and minority representation to festival stages, providing youth with strong mentors, and making the music industry more accessible. Our organization hopes to educate, empower, and entertain.

SOPHIA TRAVIS COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS PROGRAM

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Today's Date: 6/23/2020

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: **Why not?** _____

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Monroe County Health Department

Address: 119 W. 7th Street

City: Bloomington Zip: 47404

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Safe Sharps Disposal 2

Project Total Cost: \$4661.96 Grant Fund Request: \$4661.96

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
0			

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. 2 Large 38 Gallon Sharps Containers (\$858.00 ea.) + Shipping (\$386.40 ea.)	2,488.80
2. 50 Covidien Wall Mounted Containers (\$56.99 per pack of 5.)+ Tax (\$39.90) + free shipping on amazon	569.90+39.90 = 609.80
3. 8 38-gallon sharps container liners (\$80) + shipping (\$300 estimated)	640+300 = 940
4. 8 Sets of 20 inserts (160 total inserts at 72.78 per set of 20) + Tax (\$40.72) + free shipping on amazon	622.96
Total	\$4,661.56

PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

The Monroe County Health Department (MCHD) has a long history of working with the community to provide resources and information to promote, protect, and improve the health and well-being of the Monroe County Community. Hepatitis C infections, specifically related to injection drug use are of a major concern in Monroe County. High rates of this infectious disease led to County health officials declaring a health emergency in 2015, paving the way for the Monroe County Syringe Service Program (MCSSP). SSPs provide both sterile injecting equipment, as well as a way to safely dispose of syringes so that there is a reduced risk of community members coming into contact with the infectious disease.

In 2019, according to MCSSP database reports, the return rate was 73%. This return rate refers to the number of syringes brought back to the SSP by program participants, deposited in SSP syringe kiosks, or picked up by program staff/volunteers. While return rates have increased nearly every year since the program's inception, improperly disposed of syringes continue to be found and reported in the community. This can be due to a variety of reasons, namely a fear of being arrested and charged with a level 6 felony for the unlawful possession of a syringe. For individuals who are transient or experiencing homelessness, a regular place to store and secure used syringes (even for persons injecting physician prescribed insulin or hormones) can be challenging.

With restrictions on entering buildings and other public spaces as related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for publicly available sharps containers is increased. For spaces that had indoor sharps containers available when open to the public, these disposal options may be disrupted due to the business's pandemic response plan, creating an unforeseen barrier to appropriate disposal of sharps. It is at the intersection of all of these barriers to proper sharps disposal that Monroe County finds itself presently.

The Monroe County Health Department has been working to address improperly disposed of syringes in the community by dispatching field staff to respond to calls from community members who find syringes, offering education regarding pickup and risks, partnering with the Indiana Recovery Alliance to conduct community cleanups with a focus on syringe litter, as well as providing small sharps containers for individuals and businesses who report a high number of syringes found in their area.

There has been great success with these efforts, particularly with the use of 2019 Sophia Travis funding. At the time of writing this grant, MCHD has been able to successfully place one large mailbox size 38 gallon container, as well as 12 smaller wall mounted sharps containers in particular locations with reports of frequent improper sharps disposal. The largest container (38 gallons) was placed in mid-January 2020 and was full by the middle of May 2020. This demonstrates that sharps containers are not only needed, but that MCHD placed them in a way that is strategic to facilitate community members' utilization of this service.

MCHD was able to establish a partnership with the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department to place sharps containers in areas with frequent reports of improper sharps disposal through a separate funding source in January of 2020. According to mid-year data provided by the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department, parks where sharps containers have been placed appear to show a reduction in the number of syringes found. For example, a park that had 126 sharps found in calendar year 2019 only had 12 found in the first half of 2020, a park with 280 sharps found in calendar year 2019 only found 20 in the first half of 2020, and a park with 280 sharps found in calendar year 2019 only found 40 in the first half of 2020. Though there is potential for other confounding factors contributing to the reduction in number of found syringes in parks, the intervention of placing sharps containers appears promising.

The Monroe County Health Department believes that it is important to increase access to locations where sharps may be disposed of in the community. MCHD continues to receive calls from individuals who feel confident in picking up the sharp(s) but simply do not know where to dispose of them, as well as businesses that find syringes in bathrooms or outside of the property, but do not have an appropriate place for employees to dispose. There are a few sharps disposal units in public locations around Monroe County, though they are not all available 24/7 and are not always in proximity to the found syringe. By continuing to increase opportunities for individuals to dispose of syringes regardless of the time

of day, there is a great opportunity for improving the health and well-being of the community, civic pride, and support for the life-saving programming that is the Monroe County Syringe Service Program.

The aim of this project is to address concerns about the health and safety of our staff, SSP participants and the Monroe County community at large as they relate to needle-stick injuries. However, in light of the ongoing pandemic, injection equipment may also serve as a vector for disease transmission, should adequate handwashing or other hygiene be unavailable. To protect staff while maintaining the sharps containers, all will be required to perform hand hygiene prior to donning cut resistant gloves. Disinfectant wipes or spray will be used to disinfect any areas that are touched (i.e. keys, locks and levers to open the sharps container) prior to unlocking any of the devices. Trash grabbers will be made available for staff should there be any overflow of sharps in the area around any of the containers so that they do not have to come into direct contact with the sharps. Following removal and replacement of inserts for the sharps containers, the full insert will be placed into a larger sharps container for disposal purposes, and staff will be required to perform hand hygiene after placing used gloves into a separate container for washing/disinfecting (as per manufacturer instructions).

Previous Sophia Travis Grant Awards

Year	Project	\$ Amount
2010	Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing	\$7425.00
Fall 2011 for 2012	Birth Control Supplies	\$8948.00
Fall 2012 for 2013	Signage for Health Services Building clinic	\$3,122.50
Fall 2013 for 2014	Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing	\$2700.00
Fall 2014 for 2015	Gardasil Vaccine	\$2500.00
2017	Ramping Up Awareness Mural	\$400.00
2019	Safe Sharps Disposal	\$2250.00

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

Today's Date: June 22, 2020

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**,
did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: **Why not?** _____

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of
Organization: Monroe County United Ministries

Address: 827 W. 14th Ct

City: Bloomington Zip: 47404

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Maintaining Self- Sufficiency in a Global Pandemic

Project Total Cost: \$25,500

Grant Fund Request: \$5,500

Total # of Clients Directly
Impacted by this Grant Project:

39

Number of those impacted who
are Monroe County Residents:

39

OTHER FUNDS EXPECTED FOR PROJECT

Amount	Source	Confirmed	Pending
\$17,000	EFSP, Phase 37 & CARES		X
\$3,000	Donations Restricted for Financial Assistance	X	

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. Housing: rent, mortgage, etc...	\$21,000
2. Utilities: heat, air, lights, water	\$4,500

PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) creates lasting solutions to economic, educational, and social injustice in our community through quality services, collaboration, and innovation. Our vision is to eliminate generational poverty in Monroe County.

MCUM's Self-Sufficiency Center (SSC) provides food, clothing, household items, financial assistance, and referrals to households experiencing a financial crisis. Collaborating with the Opportunity House, the SSC offers clothing vouchers, enabling clients to pick out clothing and household items they need for free. We also provide food and case management to First United Methodist Church's Wednesday Pantry, in collaboration with the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, feeding 250 additional families per week. Clients may also request emergency financial assistance from MCUM to help pay a portion of rent or utility bills to keep clients in their homes with their lights and heat on, preventing eviction and potential homelessness. The SSC is also home to the Your Path program. Your Path participants work with SSC coaches to meet life goals in a number of areas—family stability, wellness, career, education, or financial management.

Monroe County United Ministries requests \$5,500 through the Sophia Travis Community Service Grant funding initiative for its financial aid assistance fund to help Monroe County families remain in their own homes, with lights on during a short-term episode of financial instability. Over the course of one year, the financial assistance part of MCUM's Self-Sufficiency Center serves more than 130 unduplicated individuals. Given the global pandemic, we have already experienced a surge that we expect to continue in the demand for financial assistance following layoffs, reduction of hours, and other factors.

With 24.7%¹ of all families living in poverty, Monroe County has one the highest rates of poverty in Indiana. This represents a quarter of people in our community who struggle daily to make ends meet and we anticipate seeing that number grow. This past year we have seen an uptick in our client numbers searching for assistance. Compared to 2018, in 2019, we had 518 more families and 2,070 more individuals seeking help. In 2019, we had 53 families and 210 individuals specifically requesting rent or utility assistance. We are averaging 70 new families a month and expect that to grow in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to the usual barriers faced by our clients, this global healthcare crisis has disproportionately affected their livelihoods. Our clients are truly struggling to keep up with rent and utility bills; many of these individuals are in the service industry and have been furloughed or terminated from their positions. Funding from Sophia Travis would enable us to serve more clients who are facing an unexpected financial strain due to this global pandemic.

The Indiana Institute for Working Families developed a self-sufficiency standard by county, which determines the wage a household must make in order to remain financially stable without social service assistance and takes into account geographically varied costs such as housing, child care, food, healthcare, transportation, taxes, etc. The annual household income required for two adults and one preschool age child to be considered self-sufficient in Monroe County in 2020 is \$50,643². The average household income for Monroe County was about \$47,075³, falling shy of the self-sufficiency standard. Taking the self-sufficiency standard into account alongside increasing housing costs and underemployment trends, it is unsurprising that 42%⁴ of Monroe County residents run out of money by the end of the month to cover their essential needs.

While households that utilize MCUM's Self-Sufficiency Center all experience different circumstances, the average household receiving financial assistance from MCUM in 2019 was comprised of three individuals and received an average of \$437.27 toward an outstanding housing or utility bill. MCUM receives funding that requires clients to complete an application appointment with their Township Trustees prior to receiving an appointment with MCUM. Other criteria include bank documentation verifying income sources and a complete list of monthly expenses. The funds are designed to help people retain their housing, so clients must provide reasonable assurance they can afford their rent and utilities most of the time and are experiencing a particular problem that has caused a financial crisis (sudden layoff, medical emergency, etc.). Often, MCUM does not have the funding to support every request for financial assistance or a complete bill, but works closely with other agencies, local government, the faith community, and the township trustees to come up with the necessary resources and interventions to support the household.

The \$97,000+ in support granted to MCUM through the Monroe County Council over the past 20 years has kept at least 300 families (over 1000 people) securely housed and also provided stabilizing case management to ensure they remain on track to self-sufficiency. By addressing the broad and detrimental experience of an imminent housing emergency, we can work together to combat community issues like food insecurity, lack of affordable high-quality childcare, and household financial stability. By providing up to one month's bills for rent or utilities, which can prevent eviction or potential homelessness and is much less expensive than costs associated with re-homing, MCUM promotes stability, safety, and security – priority funding areas for the Sophia Travis committee. Sophia Travis funding has been an important funder of this part of our program for two decades and we hope this partnership will continue.

¹<https://datausa.io/profile/geo/monroe-county-in>

²Indiana Institute for Working Families, 2020. <http://www.selfsufficiencystandard.org/indiana>

³ <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/table/PST045216/18105>

⁴ SCAN 2012

Past Monroe County Sophia Travis Grants:

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

Project Budget:

Maintaining Self-Sufficiency



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Funding Sources 2020

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Sophia Travis Social Services Grant	\$ 5,500	22%
EFSP, Phase 37 & CARES	\$17,000	67%
Expected remaining incoming donations restricted for basic needs and financial assistance during ST funding period	\$ 3,000	12%
Total	\$ 25,500	100%

Expected Financial Assistance Payments 2020

Housing: rent, mortgage, etc.	\$21,000	82%
Utilities: heat, air, lights, water	\$4,500	18%
Total	\$25,500	100%

SOPHIA TRAVIS COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS PROGRAM

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Today's Date: June 24, 2020

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018, No, we did not receive an award in 2018.** Why not?

did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No:

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of

Organization: My Sister's Closet of Monroe County

Address: 414 S. College Ave.

City: Bloomington Zip: 47403

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: **Stepping Up to Provide Access to Job Training & Education During and After Covid-19**

Project Total Cost: \$16,614 Grant Fund Request: \$6,614

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
\$10,000	NAP Credit Designation	10,000	

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. Stipend amount needed to engage trained technical volunteers throughout project.	\$5,000
2. Teachable Subscription - 1 Year	\$1,188
3. Zoom Q8 Handy Video Recorder, 3M High Definition Video, Stereo Microphones Plus Two XLR/TRS Combo Inputs	\$400
4. Amazon Basics 60-Inch Lightweight Tripod with Bag	\$26
5.	

Sophia Travis Grant Application – 2020, My Sister’s Closet of Monroe County
“Stepping Up to Provide Access to Job Training & Education During and After Covid-19”

Mission: My Sister’s Closet is a non-profit organization, established to build a stronger community and promote economic self-sufficiency by providing women with professional support services and tools for success.

Services and Current Dilemma: Our agency provides clients in economically disadvantaged households with mentors and advocates who provide them with essential resources, life, and job skills training so they can become more employable and have a greater chance to find higher paying employment.

These incredibly gifted volunteer professionals tend to be: 65+ years old, and have additional health concerns with Covid-19 because of compromised immune issues. Our client training space is fairly small, less than 150 square’. Until the Pandemic is over, we can’t provide a physical space where they can keep socially distanced. With the acceptance of clothing and hygiene fulfillment, Covid-19 has slowed My Sister’s Closet’s programming considerably.

Online Training Solution: The natural progression of our Ready-2-Work Programming Plan was to eventually create online links to mini training sessions. We knew we needed to create an online tool to address client absentee issues we were experiencing when clients missed classes due to: inadequate childcare, or personal illness, or transportation issues. Covid-19, is simply forcing us to move forward sooner than later with our planned timeline to add an online programming component to our services. Creating access to our training online will help us to keep these essentially job/economic security resources available to Monroe County Residents who need them now.

Fortunately, we are supported by concerned advocates and mentors who care deeply about the needs of the women they are serving. At the announcement of this grant initiative, 100% of these dedicated professionals stepped up in support of this project. Every one of them is willing to film their own teaching and testing classroom components to keep the R-2-W and basic client programming available.

Steps to Create Online Training: To figure this solution out, we consulted with our board member, Cynthia Hogan, of Monster Digital Marketing. Under her direction, we are going to take advantage of the volunteers we have recruited to create these videos. These are recent IT and Media degree graduates who would like to produce this project. We estimate with the amount of classes we are already teaching; this project will entail roughly about 1,000 hours to complete. Along the way, as they are completed, we will offer them to clients using a Teachable subscription. To ensure the progress is consistent and to keep the volunteers engaged, we would like to pay them a minimal stipend to ensure project commitment.

Pandemic Safety Solutions – Planned and Already Implemented:

Numbers and demographics of people entering our space annually:

Because MSC sees over 10,000 people enter our space annually, we have taken extra measures to make our space safe.

Sophia Travis Grant Application – 2020, My Sister’s Closet of Monroe County
“Stepping Up to Provide Access to Job Training & Education During and After Covid-19”

Clients served by our organization who are living in poverty and emerging from at-risk circumstances. Homelessness (71% in 2019); Domestic Violence (66% in 2019). (239 directly served – 2019; 975 indirectly served - 2019);

Donors; Shoppers at the thrift boutique; Volunteers (350+ annually); Staff; Mentors and Advocates.

To safely open, MSC has taken the following steps to make our physical space safe by adding the following: I-Wave filter to HVAC; No-touch checkout at register; curbside donations with doorbell alert; requirement of facemasks by all staff, volunteers, and shoppers; free masks available to anyone without a mask; free hand sanitizer at entry; Dyson air dryer in bathroom; and limited access TP Dispenser. We already steam every piece of clothing donated to 202⁰F, additionally, we are quarantining all donations an additional 24-48 hours in designated backroom areas. We intend to eventually add hospital grade UVC lighting to help with this disinfection regime.

We respectfully request the Sophia Travis Grant committee consider our request for training resources to keep our job security programming available for clients who rely on it.

Sincerely,

Sandy Keller

My Sister’s Closet.

**2020 - Sophia Travis Grant Application
My Sister's Closet of Monroe County**

<i>Planned Project Budget - Stepping Up to Provide Access to Job Training Education During and After Covid-19</i>						
1						
2						
3	<u>Project Funds:</u>				Requested	Received/ Secured to Date
4						
5						
6	<u>Planned Grants:</u>					
7		Sophia Travis Fund			\$6,614	
8		NAP Credits Portion			\$10,000	\$10,000
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12	<u>Anticipated Costs & Expenses:</u>					
13	Items Needed:	Units	Cost		Total:	
14	Grad Student Tech Coordination -Stipend - Hourly Wage for Students pursuing Degrees from IT + Media School to Record Client and Volunteer Training Videos and to Post to our R-2-W Client Portal. \$5/hour					
15	1,000 hours, valued at \$24.13/hour = \$24,130				\$5,000.00	
16						
17	MSC Staff Hours to Coordinate and work with Clients				\$10,000.00	
18						
19	Teachable Subscription - 1 Year	12	\$99		\$1,188	
20	Customizable Instruction Platform to allow mentors to teach life skills to clients in pre-recorded links and to be able to test their skill sets.					
21						
22	Zoom Q8 Handy Video Recorder, 3M High Definition Video, Stereo Microphones Plus Two XLR/TRS Combo Inputs, Four Tracks of Audio Recording, for Recording, Music, Video, Youtube Videos, Livestreaming,Black - Includes Shipping	1	\$399.99		\$399.99	

**2020 - Sophia Travis Grant Application
My Sister's Closet of Monroe County**

Planned Project Budget - Stepping Up to Provide Access to Job Training Education During and After Covid-19						
23	https://www.amazon.com/Grabadora-video-port%C3%A1til-Q8-Negro/dp/B00S9W1XVQ/ref=asc_df_B00S9W1XVQ/?tag=bingshoppinga-20&linkCode=df0&hvadid=&hvpos=&hvnetw=o&hvrand=&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=e&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=&hvtargid=pla-4583863979867586&psc=1					
24						
25	AmazonBasics 60-Inch Lightweight Tripod with Bag - Includes Shipping	1	\$25.99		\$25.99	
26	https://www.amazon.com/AmazonBasics-60-Inch-Lightweight-Tripod-Bag/dp/B005KP473Q/ref=pd_bxgy_2/131-5016018-7807042?encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=B005KP473Q&pd_rd_r=0ef1ee66-030e-4e38-a20b-2ca8a6079dd3&pd_rd_w=gpd1a&pd_rd_wg=Si57j&pf_rd_p=4e3f7fc3-00c8-46a6-a4db-8457e6319578&pf_rd_r=VA1V1ZJSXE2EYPW5X331&psc=1&refRID=VA1V1ZJSXE2EYPW5X331					
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29	Total Funds Required for Project				\$16,614	

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

Today's Date: June 22, 2020

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020?

Yes: No: **Why not?** _____

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: New Hope for Families

Address: 301 W 2nd Street

City: Bloomington, IN Zip: 47403

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Responding with Equity

Project Total Cost: \$127,400 Grant Fund Request: \$12,400

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
\$62,000	United Way	X	
\$25,000	IHCDA		X

\$3,000	Early Learning Indiana	X	
\$25,000	Office of Early Childhood and Out of School Learning	X	

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. Anti-racism training and resources	\$3,500
2. Shelter materials in response to COVID-19	\$5,900
3. Early Childhood materials in response to COVID-19	\$3,000
4.	
5.	

PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

A. Mission Statement:

New Hope for Families helps families impacted by homelessness gain and maintain stable housing and provides accredited early childhood development programming aimed at breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty.

B. Narrative Project Description:

For nine years, New Hope has served families impacted by homelessness in our community. During that time, we have grown from a small start-up housing three families in one small single-family home to a thriving service organization sheltering up to eight families in three houses and a satellite location. Since opening our doors in July of 2011, we have sheltered well over 200 families. More than just a shelter, New Hope is committed to a housing-first model that gives families the tools they need to succeed and has proven its ability to help families in a lasting way. In the past four years, well over 80% of families served have moved from homelessness into stable, sustainable housing. When compared to the statewide average of 52%, it is easy to see that New Hope's programming is effective.

In 2015, we launched our early childhood development program, The Nest, which serves up to 16 children from birth to kindergarten. This service is impactful in two ways: it helps move families move through homelessness to stability by allowing parents to work; and it gives kids the good start they need to be prepared for early success in kindergarten and ultimately to be the members of their families to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. In July of 2017, this program received accreditation from the National Association for Family Child Care, a distinction achieved by fewer than 2% of family child care providers nationwide, placing it firmly among providers of the highest caliber.

Since the beginning of the emergency, we have seen an increased need for family shelter, and New Hope has more than doubled its own shelter capacity in response to the dramatic increase in requests for assistance from families experiencing homelessness. We are currently using a United Way COVID response grant to expand shelter capacity to meet the demonstrated need. New Hope's internal maximum capacity is 7 families. A partnership with a local hotel enabled us to accommodate an additional 9 families, for a total of 16 families at a time. These additional shelter spaces filled quickly, and we are again operating at full capacity. In addition to this expansion, New Hope worked quickly to implement policies to minimize risks for our clients, staff and volunteers, while still enabling us to provide uninterrupted services for clients. We equipped staff to work remotely when practicable, which in some cases required the purchase of additional technology, training and support. We put most volunteers and interns on furlough to minimize their risk and to keep clients, staff, and core volunteers safe. We closed our offices to the public, and limited in-kind donations to by appointment only, and then only accepting donations of items for which we determined there was an immediate and urgent need. We provided each of our shelter families with masks and extra cleaning supplies and added additional professional cleaning services.

As our second priority, we are seeking your partnership to supplement that funding as we begin to scale down sheltering in motels and return to sheltering primarily in our facilities. Initially, we decreased the number of individuals in shelter to allow for social distancing and increased sanitization practices, but as we return to this new normal, we have adopted some practices to once again allow us to make use of all our spaces as well as motels as necessary. In order to effectively and safely provide these services, we need to purchase some additional supplies and equipment including additional sets of dishes and pans (so that each family may have their own set rather than sharing among all residents), plastic household organizational items (bins, totes, shelves, etc.) which are easily sanitized to allow residents to keep their personal belongings separate from others and allow staff to easily sanitize storage areas between clients, cleaning supplies for use by both clients and

staff, materials for outdoor family activities that support social distancing, and metal bed frames which can be easily sanitized.

At our early childhood program, we briefly suspended operations to comply with the governor's stay at home order, but we have been operational for several weeks with families slowly returning to care based on their need and comfort level. We are supporting staff and client health through more rigorous cleaning practices, a more stringent staff and child sickness policy, a daily health screening for teachers and students, and increased lengths of time spent outdoors. As our third priority, we are seeking your partnership to purchase additional equipment and materials to support these new practices. These include a new dishwasher to make sanitization easier, outdoor classroom materials and easily sanitized playground equipment to facilitate time spent outdoors, cubbies for children to keep their belongings easily separated, and cleaning supplies.

Our most pressing request, however, has to do with a commitment we have made as a whole organization to increase our awareness of active steps we can take to combat racism and implicit biases. According to the latest census data, about 3% of people in Monroe County identify as Black, while an additional 3% identify as mixed race. Over the past five years, 20% of clients at New Hope have identified as Black with an additional 7% identifying as mixed race. This is a disparity we cannot ignore. As an agency that serves a disproportionately high number of people of color, we recognize that we must have a higher commitment to equity and to serving marginalized populations with respect and dignity. This begins with understanding our own shortcomings and working to overcome them. We expect this will be a slow process and have committed as an agency to spend the next twelve months working through an initial five step plan:

1. A one-time anti-racism training for board members.
2. A six part study in anti-racism for key staff members.
3. A careful examination of current practices, policies, and related client and staff experiences.
4. The creation of more comprehensive anti-racist, inclusive policies for staff and clients.
5. Consideration of a voluntary advisory committee composed of current and former clients.

C. Previous Sophia Travis Grant Awards:

2019—\$3,750
2018—\$3,300
2017—\$4,200
2016—\$4,255
2015—\$2,500
2014—\$3,000
2013—\$3,600
2012—\$1,999

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

Today's Date: 6/18/2020 Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: **Why not?** _____

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Pantry 279, Inc.

Address: PO Box 312

City: Ellettsville Zip: 47429

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Pantry 279 Mobile Outreach

Project Total Cost: 15,380.00 Grant Fund Request: 11,880.00

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
2000.00	Donations from individuals		X
500.00	Corporate sponsor		X
1000.00	Option: Sale of current pantry minivan		X

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. Purchase used cargo van (option: \$2,300 for repair of current pantry minivan)	11,000
2. Vehicle fuel & maintenance	2,650
3. Vehicle registration & insurance	1,730
4.	
5.	

PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

Pantry 279's mission is to do our best to end hunger for all, while providing sustainable food education and a safe, friendly, and fun place where those in need can come for help with dignity and ALL ages can give back to their community. Pantry 279 is dedicated to providing food to those who are facing food insecurity due to lack of income, job loss, and physical challenges. Pantry 279 is a grassroots organization initially started by Girl Scout Troop 279 in 2015. Originally intended to serve the local community, Pantry 279 has grown to serve around 3,500 people per month pre-pandemic. Those numbers have increased by 60% to around 5,600 people per month during the pandemic.

Pantry 279 provides limited delivery service for pantry guests living in Monroe County who are homebound or lack transportation to our pantry in Ellettsville. A dedicated group of volunteers make deliveries on Saturdays using their own vehicles to clients who call in and request a delivery for that week. These requests have skyrocketed from 10-15 deliveries per week to over 150 deliveries per week. Responding to additional pleas for assistance, pantry volunteers have begun making additional deliveries using the pantry's minivan before and after regular pantry hours during the week. Families receiving these deliveries are overjoyed to have nutritious food that they otherwise were unable to obtain.

This project provides funding for a reliable used cargo van for deliveries. Investing \$2,300 in repairs to the current pantry minivan would leave us with limited cargo space. Purchasing a used cargo van for \$11,000 and selling the current minivan would give us much more cargo space and a vehicle in much better condition for a net investment of \$7,700. The project also includes \$1,730 for vehicle registration and insurance, and \$2,650 for fuel and vehicle maintenance.

Pantry 279 protects the health and wellbeing of our delivery staff by providing masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer. For the protection of both our staff and clients, deliveries are completed "no contact" with the staff placing the boxes on the doorstep then stepping back and calling the family to inform them the food has arrived.

Pantry 279 coordinates with other agencies working for food security in Monroe County by respecting client bases and neighborhoods served.

Pantry 279's financial and volunteer support has historically come from individuals, local business, churches, and adult and youth organizations. This is the first year Pantry 279 has applied to Monroe County for funding. Pantry 279 is projected to receive \$20,000 from Bloomington's 2020 Jack Hopkins Social Services Grant. Pantry 279 has also received \$49,000 from Monroe County United Way in 2020.

SOPHIA TRAVIS COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS PROGRAM

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Today's Date: June 22, 2020

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: **Why not?** _____

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky

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

City: Indianapolis, IN Zip: 46225

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Patient Financial Assistance for Preventive Health Care Services

Project Total Cost: \$35,000 Grant Fund Request: \$10,000

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
\$25,000	Individual Donations	X	

PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

The mission of Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky (PPINK) is to serve persons in Indiana and Kentucky—without bias or judgment, without fear, without fail—by providing access to high quality health care confidentially and compassionately; by reducing unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases through age-appropriate and accurate sexual health education; and by advocating for freedom of individual choice in all matters of sexual health and reproductive justice.

PPINK respectfully requests funding in the amount of \$10,000 to provide subsidized care for patients who are uninsured, under-insured, and/or living at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level. This funding will support preventive health care services at PPINK's Bloomington health center, located at 421 South College Avenue. The services grant funding will help to provide include: birth control, including long-acting reversible contraceptives; HIV/STI testing and treatment; and colposcopies for patients with abnormal, possibly cancerous, pap test results.

Access to contraception and the full spectrum of reproductive health care has been proven to significantly reduce rates of unintended pregnancy and prevent chronic health complications caused by HIV/STIs. However, people who are uninsured, under-insured, and those living with low incomes suffer from inequitable access to care. The unintended pregnancy rate is 5.5 times higher for those living below the federal poverty level, affecting a disproportionate number of women of color. Unintended child-rearing is associated with less family stability, poorer health and education outcomes, and is a major factor perpetuating cycles of family and childhood poverty. STI rates for people of color range from 1.5 times to 3.5 times higher than STI rates for white Hoosiers, and STI rates are surging nation-wide. New reports by the CDC reveal that syphilis and gonorrhea have reached their highest rates in 30 years, and chlamydia has reached a higher level than ever before reported to the CDC. Undetected and/or untreated HIV/STIs can lead to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), cancer, pelvic inflammatory disease, infertility, ectopic pregnancy, chronic pain, liver inflammation, and meningitis, among other physical and mental health complications. Furthermore:

- Indiana has the 12th-highest teen birth rate in the nation;
- Indiana's infant mortality rate is seventh-highest in the country, and Indiana's maternal mortality rate is third-highest in the country;
- In Monroe County, the STI rate is higher than the record-setting national average (621.2 cases per 100,000 people versus 528.8 cases per 100,000); and
- Indiana is experiencing increasingly high rates of cervical cancer incidence, resulting in above average rates of cervical cancer mortality (in some counties more than double the national average).

Since 1970, the federal Title X Family Planning Program has helped combat these health problems by providing patient financial assistance for preventive reproductive health care services. Title X has benefited our entire society, allowing PPINK and other safety-net providers to fight health care inequity by serving populations that have historically faced barriers to care. However, on August 19, 2019, PPINK and all Planned Parenthood affiliates across the country were forced to withdraw from Title X. New federal restrictions are now jeopardizing PPINK's ability to provide subsidized care for patients who rely on Title X, including 23,000 Hoosiers annually—90 percent of whom are women or girls.

Despite Title X changes, PPINK remains determined to serve as many people as possible, because access to reproductive health care has a vastly positive impact on individuals, families, and the community at-large. Decades of research from the Guttmacher Institute prove that consistent access to reproductive health care demonstrably improves socioeconomic outcomes. People who can prevent/treat disease, plan their pregnancies, and strategically space their pregnancies, are significantly more likely to pursue and complete education, participate in the workforce, and achieve economic stability.

Many of PPINK's Bloomington patients are under-insured, if not uninsured. During calendar year 2019, PPINK served 4,087 unduplicated Bloomington patients through 5,192 health center visits. Of those total patients: 75 percent reported incomes at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level; 90 percent were women or girls; and 93 percent were age 35 or younger. Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for reproductive care has not gone down. We are experiencing an increased rate of people needing subsidized health care due to loss of employment and/or insurance,

and this comes at a time with Title X defunding means we have lost \$3.2 million in patient financial assistance funding. During this time, the cancer won't go away, STIs won't go away, and the need for birth control won't go away. The rest of the health care system is relying on us to keep providing our services so they can focus on COVID-19. If we stop providing those services, the results (ex. UTIs becoming kidney infections) will add even more people into the most stressed parts of the health care system.

PPINK's doors are to remain open during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are doing everything we can to ensure the health and safety of our health center staff and patients. We are minimizing risks for clinicians and patients by providing masks for all, screening patients, and staggering patient appointments to ensure social distancing. We have trained our Patient Access Center to phone screen all patients, allowing us to identify possible symptoms prior to a visit and, for some patients, providing their only access to screening. We will be screening all who come to our health centers, educating them on social distancing and symptoms, and referring them to other care as needed. We are temperature checking all staff prior to their shifts. We are referring some patients to telehealth, including the PP Direct app, which allows patients to access oral contraception and UTI treatment through the mail. To date, we are seeing the same number of patients as before the pandemic.

PPINK is grateful for, and relies on, the continued support of programs like the Sophia Travis Community Service Grant. We hope you will continue to fund PPINK's work to provide care for the residents of Monroe County, no matter their ability to pay. Thank you for your consideration.

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. Contraception subsidies	\$7,350
2. HIV/STI testing and treatment subsidies	\$2,000
3. Colposcopy subsidies	\$650
4.	
5.	

Grants received from Monroe County by Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky

8/6/1999	\$5,000.00	Grant
5/11/2001	\$846.10	Grant
12/10/2001	\$650.00	Grant
12/22/2001	\$744.00	Grant
8/30/2002	\$1,495.00	Grant
9/2/2003	\$3,600.00	Grant
9/10/2004	\$2,923.00	Grant
7/19/2005	\$1,500.00	Grant
1/11/2007	\$2,440.00	Grant
12/19/2007	\$4,770.00	Grant
12/29/2008	\$2,000.00	Grant
3/2/2009	\$500.00	Grant
11/15/2010	\$5,000.00	Grant
12/12/2011	\$4,200.00	Grant
11/19/2013	\$4,930.00	Grant
12/11/2014	\$4,500.00	Grant
12/19/2014	\$2,785.71	Grant
10/20/2015	\$3,000.00	Grant
12/31/2015	\$5,000.00	Jack Hopkins
12/22/2016	\$2,000.00	Sophia Travis
12/31/2016	\$3,000.00	Jack Hopkins
9/18/2017	\$2,000.00	Sophia Travis
3/23/2018	\$9,000.00	Jack Hopkins
7/13/2018	\$4,800.00	Sophia Travis
9/17/2019	\$5,300.00	Sophia Travis
6/4/2020	\$11,134.00	Jack Hopkins

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

Today's Date: June 18,2020

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: **Why not?** _____

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Safe Families for Children Alliance

Address: PO Box 3174

City: Bloomington, IN Zip: 47402

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Safe Families for Children in Monroe County

Project Total Cost: \$45,324 Grant Fund Request: \$10,000

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
\$5,000	In-kind matching donations	x	
\$5,000	Church giving	x	

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. Background checks, recruiting and training volunteers (ongoing throughout year)	\$8400
2. Transportation	\$1200
3. Direct Services	\$720
4. Insurance	\$9600
5. Salaries, tangible needs for families	\$35,004

PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

Safe Families for Children in Monroe County

Mission Statement

Safe Families for Children-Monroe County seeks to create a strong force of advocates surrounding families in crisis with caring, compassionate community. Our mission is to host vulnerable children and create extended family-like support for desperate families through a community of devoted volunteers who are motivated by compassion to keep children safe and families intact.

Safe Families aims to prevent child abuse by improving the outcomes for diverse, low-income, primarily single-mother families struggling through a crisis.

Narrative

By supporting families through mentoring and referrals so they may stabilize, Safe Families aims to remove the desperation and isolation that most often leads to child abuse and neglect. We believe no child should have to be harmed before they are protected, and offer preventative, crisis services to marginalized families. Our volunteer host families care for children temporarily so parents can be freed up to focus on seeking mental health help, substance abuse treatment, finding a steady job, or addressing homelessness, among a few crises we help families through. Safe Families has three objectives: prevent child abuse by providing safe, temporary homes for children from families in crisis; support and stabilize families in crisis by providing mentoring and referrals to appropriate resources; and deflect children from entering the child welfare system by keeping healthy families intact and reunifying children with their parents.

COVID-19 Impact

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Safe Families has been named an Essential Service, meaning the work we do to serve families in need may continue because of the important help provided. Safe Families builds "Circles of Support" around families. This is a group of volunteers with a variety of different roles and levels of involvement in the families' life. Throughout the season of quarantine and social distancing, Safe Families has created a virtual Circle of Support mimicking our current model but with hopes to expand from supportive intervention to also a prevention/strengthening opportunity for families. Safe Families volunteers have continued to host children, serve parents and wisely and carefully invest in the lives of families in need throughout the pandemic. Some of the work moved to virtual meetings, support and mentoring. Some volunteers focused on providing tangible needs to families while they were home with their children with very little social or emotional support. Some families continued their hosting with the placing parents approval and remained in quarantine just like they would with their own child. It has varied, but the work has continued. Now that Indiana has opened back up Safe Families anticipates an increase in intake calls due to the economic hardship many families are facing and due to the virus. We will keep staff, families, and volunteers safe by utilizing virtual Circles of Support, utilizing virtual modes of communications, following social distancing and mask wearing guidelines when appropriate. Please see the following volunteer protocol written by Dr. Dave Anderson, Executive Director of Safe Families for Children, addressing COVID-19 (<https://safe-families.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/SFFC-COVID19response-3-16-20-volunteers.pdf>).

How it works

Thanks to the Safe Families Law passed in Indiana, SFFC is legally able to engage a network of volunteers, prompted by compassion, who serve as host families (who open their homes to children from families in crisis), family friends (who provide emotional support to families until they are able to get back on their feet), and resource friends (who provide goods or services to help families through their crisis). By connecting with community support systems that strengthen the parent's ability to cope with their immediate crisis, families have social connections that will provide them with emotional and concrete support in times of need.

SFFC is funded entirely by charitable contributions and grants without charging any program fees to those receiving services. Funding will be used to recruit and train volunteers, facilitate hosting and mentoring arrangements, and connect with community agencies.

Need

Safe Families helps families overcome crises including but not limited to poverty, domestic violence, rehabilitation, unemployment, homelessness and incarceration. Families in crisis often lack a strong circle of support. This may lead to worsening problems such as abuse and neglect towards their children. The need is great in Monroe County: nearly 25 percent of the population lives at or below the poverty line. According to the state website, there are 21,297 statewide CHINS (Child in need of services); 420 of those CHINS are in Monroe County; 126 of those are living in-home, and 294 are living out-of-home. The places where children stay vary between residential care, non-relative homes, and miscellaneous locations such as court-ordered unlicensed placement. Monroe County has a great need for preventative

services that bridge the gap between at-risk families and services that are needed after a crisis or emergency has already occurred.

Safe Families is unique because it not only focuses on fixing the tangible aspects of crisis, but it also works at the root of the problem by providing families with the empowerment, connections, knowledge and resources they need in order to succeed. Oftentimes host families remain connected with placing parents after the placement occurs which contributes to the long-term sustainability of this movement.

Evaluation Methods and Benchmarks

Children from families in crisis will have a reduced likelihood of experiencing abuse or neglect. At least 97 percent of families will meet their personal goals. Families in crisis will have an extended support system. Children will be deflected from entering the child welfare system. At least 97 percent of children will return home or to a safe relative.

From July 2020 to June 2021, Safe Families for Children in Monroe County has the goal of reaching and serving at least 30 families. From July 2019 to June 2020, there were 22 hosting arrangements of children, whose parents were mentored and served.

For evaluation purposes, benchmarks have been established using baseline data from previous years. A secure online database maintains all records of host families, mentors, families receiving assistance, demographic data, case notes, progress on goals, and permanency outcomes. Feedback and suggestions are welcomed from the parent who received assistance, staff, and volunteers. A database administrator ensures that reporting functions can provide progress on outcomes and relevant information.

History

Safe Families is a national movement with over 120 chapters in the US and also has chapters in Japan, Canada & Kenya. Collectively, we have served over 25,000 children, 15,000 families more than 50,000 hosting arrangements have occurred. Nationally, 93% of children are reunified with their parents – a record that far exceeds the child welfare system reunification rates that intervene after abuse or neglect occurs. The Safe Families model has an established track record of building stronger families and communities through its innovative solutions. Please note for the purpose of this request, all funding will go solely toward the Safe Families for Children Monroe County program.

SOPHIA TRAVIS COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS PROGRAM

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Today's Date: 22 June 2020

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes:

No: **Why not?**
Assuming you mean 2019, our report was delayed due to the COVID crisis. It has now been submitted.

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Shalom Community Center

Address: PO Box 451 / 620 S Walnut St

City: Bloomington Zip: 47402

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: 20th Anniversary Upgrade and Renovation

Project Total Cost: \$79,602.03 Grant Fund Request: \$11,503.90

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
\$21,000	City of Bloomington Jack Hopkins	✓	
\$30,000	Private Donor	✓	

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. Fence Replacement & Safety Upgrade	\$4,345
2. Camera Upgrades	\$5,053.57
3. Additional Cameras	\$2,105.33
4.	
5.	

PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

OUR MISSION

Shalom Community Center, Inc. is dedicated to aiding and empowering people experiencing extreme poverty, especially hunger and homelessness. Founded in 2000 in response to a growing community concern about the needs of people without homes, Shalom has grown rapidly these past 20 years to become an all-inclusive shelter, resource center, and housing provider in Monroe County for people who are living in poverty.

Shalom provides daytime and overnight shelter, hunger relief, permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, social services and case management, employment support, street outreach, eviction prevention, prescription and health care assistance, life essentials (laundry, showers, mail, ID, etc.), and other related health and human services to hundreds of people each day and thousands of people each year. Last year, Shalom served almost 80,000, provided more than 14,000 nights of shelter, and helped nearly 700 children and adults move out of or avoid homelessness.

REQUEST

Shalom Community Center respectfully requests a one-time grant in the amount of \$11,503.90 to help pay for much-needed repairs and upgrades to our day shelter. This year marks Shalom's 20th anniversary as an organization and 10th year in our building at 620 S. Walnut Street. In recognition of our anniversary and the wear and tear from heavy use of our building over the last decade, Shalom is seeking financial support for some essential building advances.

We are engaging in a number of major projects, including renovation of the showers, painting of the exterior building, re-doing the floors, repairing and upgrading our dryer vent system and installing industrial dryers, revamping the patio fencing, and upgrading our security cameras. The estimated cost for the entire project is \$79,602.03, of which we've raised \$51,000 so far.

The two specific projects we're seeking to fund through you (the patio fence upgrade and security camera improvements) will improve the function and safety of the Center.

The patio fencing upgrade would repair damage to our fenced-in patio (the only outdoor space on site for our guests) and install an emergency exit (push bar) door in the fence, allowing us to both better secure the space and improve safety in the event of an emergency. After ten years of heavy use, the fencing is in desperate need of repair.

An improvement in our camera system would address concerns with our current exterior cameras. They lack clarity, decent night vision, and the ability to view online, all issues that have limited their usefulness. With advances in camera technology, an upgrade would greatly improve our ability to keep the Center and guests safe 24 hours a day. We also seek to add several indoor cameras to help us monitor our entryway, upstairs library, and other keys spaces that are at times difficult to monitor.

These improvements are essential for our programming. We intend to find ways to fund them if you are unable to, but your support would greatly speed up the process and allow us to focus our fundraising efforts on the other \$17,000+ we still have to raise to fully fund the project. Thank you for considering it!

COVID-19 RESPONSE

The COVID-19 crisis has required Shalom to transform the way we function, shifting staff, energy, and resources to accommodate the many challenges from the virus.

At the day center, we've initiated several new protocols. We've limited our indoor services to people experiencing homelessness with takeout meals for those with homes. We have required health screens at entry, which includes symptoms and temperature checks, handwashing, and quarantining of at-risk clients. All guests are required to wear masks and we've initiated an expanded cleaning protocol to keep surfaces disinfected. We've also added outdoor public restrooms, among the few public restrooms available 24/7 in Bloomington.

At our overnight shelter (Friend's Place), we've relocated to accommodate social distancing needs. We've also initiated health checks, required masks, and expanded our cleaning protocol, and increased our capacity from 40 to 50 beds.

At Crawford Homes, we have had to reduce contact with residents while maintaining basic services, including the food pantry. We've prohibited visitors at Crawford and Crawford II Apartments. We've also provided disinfecting supplies to the residents.

In addition to the above, we took the lead role in creating a new shelter from scratch (the Monroe County Isolation Shelter) with the purpose of having a space where people experiencing homelessness who are being tested for or diagnosed with COVID-19 could stay. The purpose of this project was both to benefit those who are ill but also to protect other people experiencing homeless from being exposed through the existing shelter system or other means.

We also will play a large role in homeless prevention efforts as the rent and utility moratoriums come to an end.

We're very proud that at least in part due to our efforts we have not had a single individual experiencing homelessness test positive with COVID-19. While we think it is highly unlikely that this will continue indefinitely, it seems like a large scale outbreak has been prevented.

PAST MONROE COUNTY GRANTS TO SHALOM COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

Sophia Travis 2006	\$1,000
Sophia Travis 2007	\$5,000
Sophia Travis 2008	\$4,176
Sophia Travis 2009	\$5,000
Sophia Travis 2010	\$4,500
Sophia Travis 2012	\$7,500
Sophia Travis 2013	\$3,500
Monroe County CARES 2014	\$5,269.61
Sophia Travis 2015	\$1,000
Monroe County CARES 2015	\$5,905.08
Sophia Travis 2016	\$10,840
Monroe County CARES 2016	\$8,995.38
Sophia Travis 2017	\$7,400
Monroe County CARES 2017	\$8,750.68
Monroe County Commissioners 2017	\$22,000
Sophia Travis 2018	\$8,400
Monroe County CARES 2018	\$4,426.95
Monroe County Commissioners 2018	\$22,000
Sophia Travis 2019	\$2,700
Monroe County CARES 2019	\$6,456.75
Monroe County Commissioners 2019	\$22,000

SOPHIA TRAVIS COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS PROGRAM

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Today's Date: June 19, 2020

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: **Why not?** _____

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Sojourn House, Inc

Address: 7951 Main Street

City: Stinesville, IN Zip: 47464

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Sojourn House renovation, furnishing, and equipment

Project Total Cost: \$186,000 Grant Fund Request: \$5,035

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
\$165,000	Ready Communities Implementation		X
\$6,872	Fundraising	X	
\$25,000	Wal-Mart		X
\$9,000	Fundraising events		X
\$7,000	Community partners	X	

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. Xerox copier	\$1,800
2. Education tables and chairs	\$1,435
3. Conference chairs (6)	\$900
4. Conference table	\$650
5. Paper shredder	\$250

PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

Sojourn House is a newly formed 501(c) (3) non-profit in Monroe County that will offer refuge, healing, and restoration in a sober-living atmosphere to women 18 years of age and older escaping the grips of addiction and/or sex trafficking. Sojourn House exists to aid victims of sex trafficking and substance use disorder in the rescue, restoration and reintegration process by providing for their physical, emotional and spiritual needs in a specialized **residential** setting.

Sojourn House is applying for additional grants for staffing and programming and has been in discussion with the Lilly Foundation for potential sustainable funding. A review of similar programs has shown the importance of entrepreneurship for residents, and commonly utilized trainings include culinary and catering, pet grooming, coffee shop, farmer's market and more revenue streams for long-term sustainability. The Sojourn House Board of Directors has established the skills of social enterprise and entrepreneurship as top priorities.

Sojourn House currently has a 10-year lease with the Town of Stinesville who owns the building formally known as the Stinesville Elementary School. Sojourn House is leasing the newest part of the building and renovating classrooms into dorm style transitional housing, as well as activity space, therapy space, and educational space.

Project description and Ready Communities Initiative: Sojourn House is a sober living facility for women looking to recover from the trauma of addiction, abuse, and exploitation. Located in rural Stinesville, the House will be staffed 24/7 and provide access to recovery resources for women. Women entering the house will complete five phases of a detailed program before graduating into health and self-efficiency. This five-step pathway to health consists of healing, education, employment, sustainability, and graduation into self-efficiency. This 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 bi-weekly case management meetings. Many community partners in Monroe County will be utilized for the client's successful graduation. Partners will include Ivy Tech, local businesses, Work One, and several substance use recovery and mental healthcare providers. The House has many volunteer opportunities including exercise leaders, life-skills coaches, transporters, arts and crafts instructors, and more. With a long list of ready volunteers already, a coordinator of volunteers will ensure that each volunteer has a background check and the proper trauma informed care education to fulfill their role. There will be a chapel for spiritual care that is accessible to anyone in the house, but no proselytizing will take place.

Tier I priorities that Sojourn House can influence:

- Creating pathways for women without stable housing to work, manage a home, and sustain families
- Seeking county-wide solutions for local problems
- Support Stinesville by creating gathering places – health initiative (i.e. tobacco cessation) will be open to the whole town, some support groups as well as exercise classes and life skills courses will be open to the community.

Tier II priorities that Sojourn House can influence:

- Expand rural options for accessing healthcare services – as services become available to Sojourn House residents, the community will also be served
- Support services and programs that address underlying causes of homelessness
- Continue regional collaboration to address the needs of people experiencing substance abuse disorders and raise awareness of services.

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.

Timeline: Sojourn House received 501c3 status in March of 2020. An established Board of Directors has been working to get renovations complete and the doors open by January of 2021. Work has been bid and contractors have been secured. Grants to further support staff are in the works. Sojourn House hopes to start hiring staff by late fall of 2020 dependent on funding. While these things are getting put into place, the volunteer Board of Directors is working with regional resources to navigate women in need to the best of their ability. Sojourn House embodies Hope and Healing. By helping women escape their traffickers and find freedom in self-sufficiency, Sojourn House will help add to the “Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction Plan”. Women will have full-time and sustainable jobs, financial accountability and literacy, and permanent and stable housing leading to healthy and productive individuals and healthy and restored families.

Covid-19 considerations: Currently, our doors are not open to residents. Our request is for office supplies/equipment as part of the start-up of Sojourn House. Once SH is up and running, residents will have individual sleeping spaces where they can be socially distant from other residents. During the pandemic, residents will be asked to do daily self-assessments to monitor for signs and symptoms of Covid or any other communicable disease. Symptoms will be addressed immediately. The facility will have Wi-Fi access and iPads to allow for telehealth visits. If someone does have the illness, the facility will have quarantine areas where the residents can stay in isolation with meals brought to them away from other residents. As part of ongoing health and wellness, all residents of SH will obtain and maintain insurance coverage, a primary care provider, and regular health assessments.

2019 financial statement:

Our 501c3 status was granted and fundraising began in the current year. 2019 records are sparse. A 2020 financial statement is included.

Grants received from Monroe County: None

SOPHIA TRAVIS COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Today's Date: June 19, 2020

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? 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

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Truck Maintenance and Repair Fund / Box Spring and Bed Frame Fund

Project Total Cost: \$10,840 Grant Fund Request: \$10,840

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. Annual maintenance and repair of four trucks	\$1,450
2. 120 twin size box springs @\$42	\$5,040
3. 150 twin/full bed frames @\$29	\$4,350
4.	
5.	

Mission Statement of
Bloomington St. Vincent de Paul Serving Monroe County

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.

Accomplishing our Mission

In the spirit of love and justice, SVdP provides person-to-person services of time, talent, and resources to help our neighbors in need, regardless of their religious affiliations or beliefs. SVdP respects the dignity of every person, regardless of socioeconomic status.

We provide safety-net services for families and individuals in our community who are often suffering, forgotten, or deprived — the working poor, the homeless, those who have been incarcerated, and all people living on the margins of society. We also seek systemic change solutions to move people out of poverty.

Supporting Statement for the Application of
Bloomington St. Vincent de Paul Serving Monroe County
to the Sophia Travis Community Service Grants Program

Bloomington St. Vincent de Paul Serving Monroe County (SVdP) is an all-volunteer not-for-profit organization providing financial and furniture/appliance aid to Monroe County residents in need.

In 2019, SVdP provided these benefits to Monroe County residents:

- \$84,417 in financial aid (utilities, rent, transportation)
- Vehicle repairs
- 3,958 bus tickets provided
- In-kind goods, consisting of 5,254 pieces of furniture, 226 major appliances (washer, dryer, refrigerator, stove), and other household items
- 3,395 people served (1,367 households)

In 2017, 2018, and 2019, SVdP received grants from the Sophia Travis Community Service Grants Program to support its furniture operation, which provides free furniture and appliances to its clients.

2019 Grant Recap

Last year, SVdP received a grant of \$5,400 which was spent to support two programs: Truck Maintenance and Repair Fund (\$1,482.50) and the Box Spring and Bed Frame Fund (\$3,917.50).

Impact of Coronavirus on SVdP's furniture operation in 2020

A legitimate concern of any grant committee is whether a need for funding continues to exist in light of the shutdown caused by the coronavirus. As a not-for-profit providing essential services, SVdP continued its mission of serving the needy, while modifying its furniture operation for the safety of volunteers and clients.

During the initial shutdown period, SVdP offered only to deliver beds to people, with the mattresses, box springs, and bed frames being left outside the residence for the client. As restrictions eased in late May, SVdP expanded deliveries to include all furniture items (beds, couches, tables/chairs, lamps, household goods, appliances), again with the understanding that the items would be left outside the residence.

Throughout the pandemic, most client contact has been over the phone, with volunteers conducting virtual home visits to assess needs.¹ Furniture donations to SVdP have been accepted upon self-delivery by donors at specified times. Home pickups of donations have resumed, provided items are easily accessible in a garage or outside the residence.

The need for furniture aid has not diminished.. SVdP has received many requests for furniture assistance throughout the pandemic, with callers often leaving a message indicating that they "have nothing" or are "sleeping on the floor."

¹ SVdP's financial assistance volunteers have conducted virtual home visits, also.

2020 Grant Application

This year's application seeks funding for the same two programs on which the 2019 Sophia Travis grant was spent.

Truck Maintenance and Repair Fund (\$1,450 requested)

SVdP's fleet of vehicles consists of one 15-foot box truck and three pickup trucks which are used on weekdays to collect donations and deliver appliances and on Saturdays to deliver furniture to clients.

In the last 12 months, SVdP has incurred expenses totaling \$2,052.52 for maintaining and repairing its four trucks. In 2019, grant money paid \$1,482.50 of those expenses.

Because furniture delivery and donation collection has continued notwithstanding the pandemic, SVdP expects to incur similar expenses for the upkeep of the trucks during the next 12 months. The availability of the Sophia Travis grant to pay these expenses allows SVdP to operate safe and reliable vehicles.

SVdP is not requesting grant money for gasoline expense, which is a general operating expense. Instead, the grant money will be used to "keep the trucks running."

Box Spring and Bed Frame Fund (\$9,390 requested)

SVdP spent \$3,917.50 of 2019 grant money to purchase 75 twin box springs and 25 twin/full bed frames. That purchase was made in October, 2019, when SVdP had twin mattresses donated by sororities from Indiana University, but an insufficient number of box springs and bed frames to make complete bed sets. (A sorority twin mattress donation is expected this year, also)

By February, 2020, SVdP had almost no beds in any size (twin, full, or queen) on hand to provide to its clients. A special fundraiser permitted the purchase of 40 twin mattresses, 46 box springs, and 46 frames. A hotel made a donation of 150 full mattresses and 150 full box springs, but no frames. SVdP purchased 90 frames to complete those full bed sets for clients.

The need for purchasing box springs (twin) and bed frames (twin/full) is ongoing. In the last 12 months, SVdP has purchased 121 box springs and 151 bed frames for \$9,353.48.

In its 2020 grant application, SVdP seeks assistance to allow it to make similar box spring and bed frame purchases without having to invade general operating funds. Two sources have been used for the purchases: Chicago Mattress Company and Menard's. Twin box springs have an average cost of \$42.00. Twin/full bed frames have an average cost of \$29.00.

Final Note

A review of the grants list reveals that SVdP has other programs supported by other grants. In the last three years, the Sophia Travis grants have been used primarily to fund the truck maintenance/repair and the box spring/bed frame programs. SVdP is grateful and hopes that Monroe County will continue its support in 2020.

Bloomington St. Vincent de Paul Serving Monroe County -- Projects Budget (2020)

Truck Maintenance and Repair Fund

15-foot box truck	\$1,000	
Black pickup	250	
Blue pickup	150	
Red pickup	<u>50</u>	
		\$1,450

Box Spring and Bed Frame Fund

120 twin size box springs @ \$42	\$5,040	
150 twin/full bed frames @ \$29	<u>4,350</u>	
		<u>\$9,390</u>
	TOTAL	\$10,840

Monroe County grants received by
Bloomington St. Vincent de Paul Serving Monroe County

2016

\$17,500 from Bellwether Secretly Canadian Group, for Appliance Center

\$3,000 from DYFN Corp., for truck capital account, shifted in 2017 with donor approval to start client moving account

2017

\$17,223 from 100+ Women Who Care, for vehicle assistance program (i.e. repair and maintenance of client vehicles) and rent deposit program

\$3,830 from the Sophia Travis Community Service Grants Program, for transportation fund

\$8,625 from 50+ Men Who Care, split evenly for a twin bed program (bed sets of mattress, box spring, and frame) and the client vehicle assistance program

\$22,000 from Secretly Group of Bloomington Music Companies, for Appliance Center

\$2,000 from Secretly Group of Bloomington Music Companies, for client moving fund

2018

\$3,000 from the Sophia Travis Community Service Grants Program for Transportation Fund and Box Spring and Bed Frame Fund

\$20,000 from Secretly Group of Bloomington Music Companies, for Appliance Center

\$3,000 from Secretly Group of Bloomington Music Companies,
for hiring of movers for large donations

2019

\$800 from Psi Iota Xi Zeta Chapter Philanthropic Sorority, for vehicle assistance program

\$8,167 from Jack Hopkins Social Service Funding for vehicle assistance program

\$5,000 from Smithville Charitable Foundation for vehicle assistance program

\$1,000 from Secretly Group of Bloomington Music Companies,
for hiring of movers for warehouse relocation

\$21,800 from 100+ Women Who Care for, for client rent deposits

\$5,400 from the Sophia Travis Community Service Grants Program, for Truck Maintenance and Repair Fund and Box Spring and Bed Frame Fund

\$20,000 from Secretly Group of Bloomington Music Companies, for Appliance Center

2020

\$2,500 from Secretly Group of Bloomington Music Companies, for hiring of outside movers to bring in large scale donations from institutional donors

\$3,000 from Secretly Group of Bloomington Music Companies, for bed frames to make complete beds from hotel donation of 100+ sets of full size mattresses and box springs

\$700 from Psi Iota Xi Zeta Chapter Philanthropic Sorority, for vehicle assistance program

\$10,000 United Way Covid-19 Response Grant, for client financial aid

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

Today's Date: June 21, 2020 Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**,
did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: **Why not?** _____

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of
Organization: Team First Book of Monroe County

Address: P.O. Box 1325

City: Bloomington Zip: 47402

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Stay-At-Home Libraries for Low-Income Children

Project Total Cost: \$5,700.00 Grant Fund Request: \$3,000.00

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
\$2,000.00	Cook Medical	X	
\$ 700.00	Donations		X

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. 4 books each for 410 low income children, PreK-Grade 2	\$5740
2. 3 books each for 410 low-income children, PreK-Grade 2	\$4305
3. 2 books each for 410 low-income children, PreK-Grade 2	\$2870
4.	
5.	

Team First Book of Monroe County, Indiana

Mission Statement

Team First Book has a simple and focused mission: “To provide the children from low-income families in Monroe County free new books that they can take home and own.”

The books are distributed through Title I schools and qualified local literacy programs that receive book grants from us. The educators in these programs use our book grants to purchase books on the children's behalf from the First Book Marketplace which carries a wide variety of high quality books with rich content at deeply discounted prices. To qualify, the programs must be a Title I school or have at least 70% of children from low-income families and incorporate our books in regular reading or other activities to nurture the children's love of reading. The programs are selected every year based on their ability to meet our requirements.

Studies have repeatedly shown that lack of access to books at home is the biggest barrier to literacy and that children from low-income families have little or no print material at home. This results in low levels of achievement in school, leading to high dropout rates and juvenile crime.

Team First Book is an advisory board made up of dedicated volunteers, and the community arm of the renowned national non-profit organization First Book which has distributed over 100 million books in the USA and Canada. For more information about First Book, please visit: www.firstbook.org

First Book's mission was set up to enable ready and easy access to books at home and to encourage reading at home with involvement from the family. With such ready access, a child can read books at any time. They can read their favorite book repeatedly and share the experiences with the family, all of which create the suitable environment for acquiring reading skills.

Project Narrative

Stay-at-Home Libraries for Low-Income Children

The United States, Indiana, and Monroe County were unprepared for the pandemic closures which we experienced in March. Schools in Monroe County were unable to provide their students with all the resources they might need for an extended stay-at-home time. With all branches of the Monroe County Public Library closed, the ability to access physical books from any library was abruptly ended. This aching need was felt all over the nation.

During the recent pandemic, *The New York Times* partnered with national First Book, with which Team First Book of Monroe County is affiliated, to provide books to New York City low-income children in a project called “The Neediest Cases Fund.” (Aridi, Sara. “With Schools Closed, Bringing Books to Students in Need.” *New York Times*, 23 April 2020.)

“The books came from First Book, a nonprofit that provides free and inexpensive books and learning materials to children in need. To help organizations like [First Book](#) as they assist some of those most impacted by the coronavirus, The New York Times [Neediest Cases Fund](#) has started a [Covid-19 Relief Campaign](#). This monthlong campaign will benefit First Book and three other agencies offering support to those affected by the outbreak.

First Book has about 475,000 members in its network, including schools in low-income communities, early childhood programs and libraries. When the coronavirus pandemic hit, many of the organization’s members said they needed books to send home to their students to help prevent them from falling behind.

‘It’s common for children to forget lessons when school is out, usually called ‘summer slide.’ In places where schools will now stay closed for the rest of the academic year, low-income students are facing the prospect of a severe ‘summer slide,’ said Kyle Zimmer, the president and chief executive of First Book, partly because they don’t have computers at home to keep them up to speed and won’t be able to reach libraries.

‘What is challenging for people of means is a crisis for people who don’t have those resources,’ Ms. Zimmer said.”

We have been warned that a second wave may arrive in the winter of 2020-21 which may again force people to stay-at-home. Our mission at Team First Book is to provide low-income children in Monroe County with books which they keep at home. These are books of the children’s choosing from the vast array of titles at the First Book Marketplace. Using the model set forth by *The New York Times* and national First Book, Team First Book is designing this project in cooperation with our recipient school programs.

There is an urgency to get books into homes before the next quarantine. Overall, in an effort to keep children engaged, Team First Book of Monroe County hopes to distribute 3-4 books per child, preschool-grade 2 in Monroe County Title I schools this fall. This includes Edgewood Primary and Early Learning Center of the Richland-Bean Blossom Community Schools, Arlington Heights, Clear Creek, Fairview, Grandview, Highland Park, Summit, and Templeton Elementary Schools of Monroe County Community School Corporation.

For the Sophia Travis grant request, we are asking for funding to purchase books for the three schools with the highest percentages of students in poverty based upon 2019-2020 Indiana State Free and Reduced Lunch statistics, Pre-K through 2nd grade. These schools are Fairview Elementary, Grandview Elementary, and Templeton Elementary—a total of 410 students. With 4 books at \$3.50 for each child, the cost of the program would be \$5,700; 3 books, \$4,305; 2 books, \$2,870.

Our largest fundraiser of the year, “Breakfast for Books,” is traditionally held in the fall. As it is now, that fundraiser will not happen. As we look for other alternatives, we are hoping that a Sophia Travis grant, upon receipt, could go to these three schools. We are actively seeking grants and donor funding for our other Title I

schools throughout Monroe County and will be holding a virtual fundraiser, “Campaign for Books,” in lieu of our annual “Breakfast for Books.” Time is of the essence.

Health and Safety: Books from the First Book Marketplace are shipped from warehouses in our region. First Book has established safe protocols for the delivery of the books and our local recipient programs have their own safety protocols in place. Books are delivered to the schools and they can be stored in “quarantine” to assure their safety before the book distribution. For more about national First Book’s response to COVID-19 go to www.fbmarketplace.org/covid19/

**Team First Book of Monroe County Program Budget for
Stay-at-Home Libraries for Low-Income Children**

Funding is for 1,640 books to 410 children (Pre-school – 2nd grade, 4 books per student) at Fairview, Grandview, and Templeton Elementary Schools at an average price of \$3.50 per book which includes shipping cost. A Sophia Travis Community Impact Grant to Team First Book would entirely go to the specific purchase of books. Team First Book of Monroe County’s grant request represents a portion of the overall project cost being pursued to meet our funding goals.

Program	No. of children	Books per child	Average cost per book	Total
Children ages (PreK-2 nd gr.)	410	4	\$3.50	\$ 5,740.00
Children ages (PreK-2 nd gr.)	410	3	\$3.50	\$ 4,305.00
Children ages (PreK-2 nd gr.)	410	2	\$3.50	\$2,870.00

Previous Grants from Monroe County Council

Team First Book of Monroe County is grateful for the Council’s support in past years:

January 2013,	\$2,640.00,
December 2013,	\$5,200.00
2014,	\$6,200.00
2015,	\$2,000.00
2016,	\$3,125.00
2017,	\$2,200.00
2018,	\$1600
2019,	\$2,300.00

Grand Total spent in 2019-20

\$21,396.00 (\$75.00 carryover to 2020-21)

Important Note about Team First Book's organizational model and financial processes

First Book and its advisory boards are set up for maximum efficiency and low cost. The national organization handles all the financial, IT and administrative processes thus eliminating the need for local advisory boards to perform these functions. This allows the local board made up of volunteers to avoid facilities, administrative and paid staff costs. All financial documents and processes such as auditing and submission of annual financial statements are handled at the national level at NO cost to the local board.

Team First Book at the local level does not maintain bank accounts. Our donations are sent directly to the national organization which in turn immediately grants (deposits) funds to the organizations that we designate as recipients. All funds are used to pay for books. No dollar is wasted in this transaction and there is no time delay. Money comes in and goes out as books to the local community.

Team First Book of Monroe County's operational costs are very minimal. They are typically borne by advisory board members and occasionally we may choose to get a minimal reimbursement (not exceeding 4% of our revenue) from the national organization. We have, however, never asked for reimbursement.

We believe that this model is our strength allowing us to focus on educating the community, acquiring funds and immediately giving them back as books. It eliminates all unwanted cost to the community and maximizes the value of the donors' dollars.

For the most current financial information about Team First Book, please see their website:
firstbook.org/about/financials.

SOPHIA TRAVIS COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS PROGRAM

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Today's Date: 6/19/2020 Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**, did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes: No: **Why not?** We are waiting to hear what this is.

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Realife Media DBA The Warehouse

Address: 1525 S. Rogers St

City: Bloomington Zip: 47403

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Mobile Warehouse

Project Total Cost: 18,300 Grant Fund Request: \$12,300

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
\$4,221	Sponsor a Child	\$2,755	\$1,466
\$1,750	Give Back Tuesday Campaign	\$1750	\$0

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. Supplies to build more mobile games	\$1,500
2. Hand sanitizer and other cleaning supplies	\$200
3. Art/craft supplies	\$3,400
4. Healthy snack & water bottles	\$4,800
5. Weekly permit fee for use of Bloomington City parks	\$2,400

PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

The Warehouse is a free recreation and arts center that meets needs of the most underserved of our community. While our doors have remained closed during the Coronavirus quarantine, the people we love on are even more in need of our services. Many in this community are living in tiny homes and even hotel rooms with 6 plus family members. Abuse and domestic violence reports have spiked since the implementation of the quarantine. Kids are lonely, scared, worried and bored. There are many resources for food, financial aid, and safe haven in our community, but kids are at the mercy of their guardian. They cannot access these resources on their own. In order to get eyes on these kids, raise spirits, and continue mentorship, The Warehouse has deployed a Mobile Warehouse. We are going into the most needy communities in our city and bringing fun, hope, and love. We get permission from low income housing developments to bring our bus over and set up a basketball hoop, disc golf goals, arts/crafts area, and basic tool/woodworking area. We would love to be able to expand the meeting places to include local parks to reach more of the community. Offering healthy snacks is at the top of our expansion goal list as well.

The kids have been so excited to see us and are begging us to come back as quickly and as often as we can. Mobile Warehouse is allowing us to bridge some hard to form relationships because rather than see us as an authority in a building that needs to be avoided, our staff is being welcomed and openly received. This is advancing the relationships that we have with the most at risk in our city and leading to improved self-esteem, diversion from drug and alcohol addiction, and mentoring. We are building bridges with parents as well. Although we recognized a few kids we encountered, we did not recognize any parents, leading to the assumption that these parents never come into The Warehouse. However, numerous parents came out and either played or watched their kids play with us. There is an opportunity to get parents and their kids playing together, which could have benefits to physical/mental health as well as their relationships. This initiative is very valuable in light of all that is going on in our country. We are bringing much needed reprieve from the stress of finances, health concerns, and racial tensions. Play crosses so many boundaries and allows for relationships to be built and conversations to happen that might otherwise be tense or awkward. We are going to the marginalized to show them honor and value with the time that we give.

We are keeping our eyes and ears open for needs these kids have so that we can connect them to the resources available in our city. For example, we have applications for Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, information on food resources, resources to deal with domestic violence, and more.

Since we are meeting outside and doing simple play rather than creating a huge carnival style draw, it is pretty easy to maintain social distance. Hand sanitizer is available to all participants and we wipe down any tools or reusable supplies between uses. Our staff also has facemasks to use if we are going to be closer than 6 ft from a participant. The staff members that are participating in Mobile Warehouse are doing so voluntarily. No one is being put into a situation that they may perceive as risky. This is not a summer camp type scenario. We are just encouraging kids to get outside and play and providing them with some fun things to do.

We will continue to offer Mobile Warehouse twice a week through August if not longer depending on health safety guidelines and our ability to maintain them in our building.

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

Today's Date: June 22, 2020

Applicant Organization: Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes: No:

If you received a STCSG Award in **2018**,
did you submit your required report by 3/31/2020? Yes:

Why not?
No: Yes, we did submit our report for the funds received by STCSG in 2018. Those funds were used to invest in upgraded security and safety.

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Wheeler Mission

Address: 215 S. Westplex Avenue

City: Bloomington Zip: 47404

PROPOSED PROJECT

Title: Operating support for emergency shelter services in Monroe County

Project Total Cost: \$655,225 Grant Fund Request: \$5,000

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
\$15,000.00	United Way of Monroe County, Emergency Relief Phase 2	X	
\$15,000.00	United Way of Monroe County, Emergency Relief Phase 3		X
\$486,947.00	Monetary contributions/donations		X

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. General operating support for facility and operating costs	\$113,717
2. General operating support for personnel costs	\$541,508
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PROJECT NARRATIVE (no more than 1000 words):

Wheeler Mission provides Christ-centered programs and services for the homeless and those in need. Wheeler Mission exists to provide an atmosphere of compassion to men and women experiencing homelessness who need food, shelter, and case management services so they might find hope and make progress toward independent living.

Wheeler Mission is seeking support from the Sophia Travis Community Service Grants program for general operating needs at the emergency shelter on Westplex Avenue in Bloomington.

Wheeler Mission served an average of 232 meals each day throughout the 2018 calendar year. This number increased to an average of 235 meals each day throughout 2019. Moreover, through the first five full months of 2020, Wheeler Mission is serving an average of 288 meals each day. These numbers coincide with increased numbers of men and women seeking overnight shelter during that span of time (a 23% increase in the average number of men seeking overnight shelter between 2018 and early 2020).

The increased numbers are, no doubt, inextricably linked to the public health crisis caused by COVID-19, but cannot be overlooked given the fact that shelter sites were frequently at full capacity prior to the outbreak, leaving no physical space available for guests or staff. Simultaneous to serving an increased number of guests, for the first time in Wheeler Mission's history volunteerism was suspended at all sites due to the public health crisis.

Like many emergency shelters across the country, Wheeler Mission relies on community support in the form of both volunteerism - to serve meals and provide a compassionate environment to guests - and financial support. In fact, Wheeler relies entirely on private, tax-deductible contributions from the community to deliver programs and services to the community's most vulnerable population.

The increased cost of hiring staff to carry-out functions and responsibilities typically pursued by volunteers, coupled with the fact that financial support in recent years has not grown at the same pace as the increased costs stemming from more individuals seeking meals and emergency shelter in Monroe County, has led to Wheeler Mission deciding to indefinitely suspend services for women experiencing homelessness in Monroe County at the beginning of July 2020. Women will still be able to seek a hot, nutritious meal at a Wheeler Mission site, but overnight services will no longer be available.

Wheeler Mission has always aimed to fulfill its obligation to provide compassionate care to this community's most vulnerable. The combination of another (possible) surge in the number of COVID-19 cases locally later this year and growing unemployment numbers and evictions potentially on the horizon in the coming months, it seemed prudent and appropriate to ensure Wheeler has the resources and capacity to provide basic needs - such as a nutritious meal, clean bed, and hot shower at the emergency shelter site located on Westplex Avenue - in the coming year. Therefore, Wheeler is prioritizing general operating requests in the coming year.

Monroe County citizens experiencing homelessness at the beginning of the global pandemic had difficulty achieving social distancing and complying with hygiene expectations and standards set forth by the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control. Public health experts from across the country have warned that people living on the streets or have limited access to soap and water are more exposed to COVID-19. Those experiencing homelessness are seen as crucial links in the spread of the pathogen. In fact, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration Secretary, Jennifer Sullivan said, "A general spread of COVID-19 in the homeless population quickly becomes a public health emergency and an additional burden on our health care system."

Wheeler Mission, and others serving the community's most vulnerable populations, is grappling with the enormous challenge of increasing capacity and allocating resources to ensure everyone has access to basic needs while, simultaneously, doing their part to ensure the community's hospital and health care system does not become overwhelmed. As of May 11, Wheeler Mission has adopted a COVID-19 Response Safeguard Action Plan at all sites.

This detailed plan includes an expectation that every person coming into a Wheeler Mission facility will be subject to a