




Kent Parks & Recreation Department

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TO: Dave Ruller, Hope Jones
FROM: John Idone 
DATE: April 30, 2019
RE: Kent Parks & Recreation Donation

* M E S S A G E *

Kent Parks & Recreation has been funded a grant request in the amount of \$2,400 from the Henry V. & Frances W. Christenson Foundation to replace the projector used for the Sidewalk Cinema Blimp Screen program. The check has been forwarded to Budget and Finance and will be held until Council formally accepts the donation. Your attention to this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Since 2006, the Sidewalk Cinema has become a popular summer Kent tradition. These free movies have been sponsored by Kent Parks & Recreation, Standing Rock Cultural Arts, and Woodsy's Music. Hometown Bank has provided an outstanding venue to host the Blimp Screen at the Hometown Bank Plaza.

The Christensen Foundation funded the purchase of the original equipment totaling over \$12,000. While I am happy to report that the Blimp Screen is "still standing", the 4000 lumen projector is seriously out of date. Paul Braden of Woodsy's Music has offered a solution to upgrade our projector and improve the quality of the screen resolution significantly. We have the opportunity to purchase a used 6,500 Lumen Hitachi Projector and case for \$2,400. The original projector cost \$5,100 new in 2006.

PC: Budget & Finance
Tara Grimm, Clerk of Council
Kent Parks & Recreation Board



CITY OF KENT, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DATE: May 3, 2019

TO: Dave Ruller, City Manager

FROM: Tom Wilke, Economic Development Director

RE: 2018 Summary Report: Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council Meeting and Tax Incentive Review Council Meeting Summary Report

Businesses that receive real property tax exemptions through the City's Community Reinvestment Area II (CRA) program are subject to an annual review by the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Housing Council and the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) in order to evaluate if the capital investment, reported payroll, and number of active employees align with the commitment levels identified in the respective CRA agreements. The City's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement is also subject to an annual review by the TIRC.

The following is a summary of the CRA agreements that were active in 2017 and which were reviewed by the CRA Housing Council on February 21, 2019:

CRA I Agreements

West River Place , Phase IV	\$123,696 project investment	Active
ABC Landscaping	\$175,696 project investment	Active
Phoenix Properties, LLC A. Alley I	\$4,955,921 project investment	Active
Phoenix Properties, LLC, A. Alley II-Phase I	\$6,060,000 project investment	Active
First Office Systems & Supplies (dba M.O.M.S.)	\$388,215 project investment	Active
Genghis Properties LLC Acorn Corner	\$5,450,200 project investment	Active
Kent Summit LLC dba 345 Flats	\$15,452,390 project investment	Active
315 RFK LLC, LN Gross Building	\$2,700,000 project investment	Active

CRA II Agreements

Don Joseph, Inc.	\$3,242,860 project investment	Active
Royal Cleaners	\$324,853 project investment	Active

The CRA Housing Council recommended the continuation of the Don Joseph, Inc. and the Royal Cleaners CRA II agreements. The CRA I agreements are not subject to CRA Housing Council action and are included in this summary for informational purposes only.

The Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) meeting was convened on March 5, 2019 and the following projects were reviewed:

Don Joseph, Inc.	\$3,242,860 project investment	Active
Royal Cleaners	\$324,853 project investment	Active
Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement	\$28,407,400 (PC Auditor 2018 improvement valuation)	Actual as of 12/31/18

The TIRC recommendation was for continuation of the three (3) projects without any modification.

The 2018 information for all of the agreements reviewed by the CRA Housing Advisory Council and the TIRC was submitted to the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) on March 29, 2019.

No Council action is required on the above listed projects because the recommendations were for continuation of all agreements without any modifications. If you or any members of Council have any questions concerning the annual review of the above listed agreements, please let me know.

Thank you.

Cc: Bridget Susel, Community Development Director
2018 CRA, TIRC and TIF Annual Report Files



CITY OF KENT, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DATE: May 7, 2019
TO: Dave Ruller, City Manager
FROM: Dan Morganti, Grants & Neighborhood Programs Coordinator
RE: 2019 Social Service Funding Recommendations

The Community Development Department has completed its review of the grant applications it received from organizations seeking 2019 Social Service grant funding from the City. The recommended grant funding awards for each project are listed on the attached table and an outline of each project is also enclosed. The City received applications from seven (7) different nonprofit organizations seeking support for eleven (11) different programs or activities totaling \$89,048. The total amount of funding available is \$75,000. These projects provide a myriad of needed supportive services for Kent residents, including counseling, programs for the homeless, free legal assistance and home modifications for low income seniors.

Staff will draft 2019 Social Service agreements and submit any that require Board of Control approval under separate cover.

If you have any questions concerning the 2019 Social Service grant funding allocation amounts or need additional information about any of the programs, please let me know.

Cc: David Coffee, Director of Budget and Finance (via e-mail)
Bridget Susel, Community Development Director (via e-mail)
Dawn Bishop, Interim Clerk of Council (via e-mail)

2019 Social Service Program Funding

Agency	Program	2019 Amount Requested	2019 Funding Amount Recommended	2018 Grant Award
Coleman Professional Services	Eviction Prevention/Housing Start-Ups	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Coleman Professional Services	Parenting & Pregnancy Support	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$3,000
Community Legal Aid	Legal Assistance for Kent Residents	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$4,000
Family & Community Services	Housing and Emergency Support Services	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Family & Community Services	Portage Area Recovery	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$4,500
Family & Community Services	Safer Futures	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$5,000
Lovelight, Inc.	Building Community, Building Futures - Youth Component	\$17,741	\$7,500	\$7,500
PMHA	Good Neighbor Program	\$10,007	\$7,000	\$6,500
Rebuilding Together	Senior Service Day / Safe at Home	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Townhall II	Outpatient Addiction Treatment & Counseling Services	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Townhall II	Helpline	\$4,800	\$4,500	\$4,500
Totals		\$89,048	\$75,000	\$71,000

2019 Social Service Program -- Outline of Proposals

Applicant: Coleman Professional Services

Program: Eviction Prevention/Housing Start-ups

- Amount Recommended: \$8,000
- The Eviction Prevention/Housing Start-up program provides direct assistance (for rent, utility payments or security deposits) for persons with a severe and persistent mental illness to obtain housing or to avoid being evicted from housing. Once housing is obtained or stabilized, these individuals receive ongoing supportive services to maintain housing.

Applicant: Coleman Professional Services

Program: Parenting & Pregnancy Support

- Amount Recommended: \$4,500
- As part of the Coleman Pregnancy Center, this activity offers resources and education to non-TANF eligible low-to-moderate income families. The goal of the activity is ensuring stabilization of the family during and after pregnancy and better outcomes for children.

Applicant: Community Legal Aid Services, Inc.

Program: Legal Assistance for Kent Residents

- Amount Recommended: \$5,000
- This program administers legal counsel/representation for low-income clients who cannot afford private legal counsel. Many types of legal assistance are available including legal matters relating to: social security, housing, consumer matters, domestic violence, child abuse and general advice to avoid legal problems.

Applicant: Family & Community Services

Program: Housing and Emergency Support Services (HESS)

- Amount Recommended: \$10,000
- The HESS program supplies direct assistance (rent arrears or deposits) to obtain housing or to avoid being evicted from housing. If needed, once housing is secured or stabilized, individuals may receive ongoing supportive services/case management to maintain housing.

Applicant: Family & Community Services

Program: Portage Area Recovery Center

- Amount Recommended: \$4,500
- This program will reimburse costs associated with provision of supportive services and overall case management for women who are recovering from addiction at the Portage Area Recovery Center.

Applicant: Family & Community Services

Program: Safer Futures

- Amount Recommended: \$6,000
- Safer Futures is a domestic violence shelter that assists women and children who are victims of domestic violence by providing safe shelter and taking measures to meet the

basic needs of its residents. Shelter staff coordinates client intakes; provides support services, case management, goal planning, advocacy and connections for legal help.

Applicant: Lovelight, Inc.

Program: Building Community, Building Futures – Youth Component

- Amount Recommended: \$7,500
- Provides activities and programming for youth after school and as part of the summer lunch program. It includes activities that promotes youth engagement with each other and the larger community, activities oriented towards the arts, healthy eating, drug awareness and personal development.

Applicant: Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority

Program: Good Neighbor Program

- Amount Recommended: \$7,000
- PMHA's Social Service Coordinator organizes the various aspects of the program. This includes encouraging public housing residents to be observant in their neighborhoods related to crime, nuisances or maintenance issues; there is outreach with the KPD public info officer related to crime and reporting. Other service provided to PMHA resident includes: employment, budgeting and self-improvement programming. Plans also include helping residents plan, plant, harvest and maintain community gardens.

Applicant: Rebuilding Together, Inc.

Program: Safe at Home / Senior Service Day

- Amount Recommended: \$10,000
- This program includes the provision of home modifications, accessibility improvements, micro-repairs and/or yard cleanups for low-to-moderate income elderly and/or disabled homeowners as part of a Senior Service Day in the fall. Examples of repairs includes: installation of handrails, grab bars or stair tread; minor plumbing, electrical, or carpentry work.

Applicant: Townhall II

Program: Outpatient Substance Abuse/Addiction Counseling Services

- Amount Recommended: \$8,000
- Counseling is available to clients struggling with addiction or substance abuse problems related to alcohol or drugs. The service provides client specific servicing including: assessment, individual counseling, intensive outpatient treatment, integrated dual disorder treatment, family services, crisis intervention and case management.

Applicant: Townhall II

Program: Helpline

- Amount Recommended: \$4,500
- The helpline is a 24-hour crisis intervention, information and referral resource for persons in situational distress. This service addresses priority needs such as: drug and alcohol abuse prevention, emergency assistance, housing assistance and behavioral health.