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CITY OF BEAVERTON AWARDS FUNDS TO LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

- Organizations That Provide Food and Shelter for the Needy Top the List -

Beaverton, Oregon (June 29, 2010) – The City of Beaverton has awarded a total of **\$383,127** in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and state revenue sharing funds to local social service organizations to support their efforts to care for those in need in the community through the **Social Services Funding** program.

This year the City's Budget Committee approved an additional, one-time \$100,000 allocation to the grant fund. This increased allocation was in response to the continued economic downturn. Mayor Denny Doyle, City Councilors and Budget Committee members recognized the community need for additional funding for social service program to assist those who have been hit the hardest within the community due to job loss.

"The economic recovery will be long and slow. These additional funds will not be a cure all but can provide additional services to those in need," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "I am proud that the City is in a position that we can help support these non-profit organizations that provide services to keep utilities on, food on the table, and roofs over our citizen's heads."

Each year, area non-profit organizations are encouraged to submit an application for funding. For the 2010-2011 fiscal year, there was \$383,127 in available funding and 34 applications were submitted for a total request of \$547,899. The sources of the grant funds include \$283,750 in state revenue sharing grants and \$99,377 in CDBG funds. The City's Social Services Funding Committee reviews applications, conducts interviews and submits recommendations for approval. The City Council approved the recommendations at the June 28 meeting.

Members of the **Social Services Funding Committee** include one Council member who serves as the Chair and five citizen members who are appointed by the Mayor and each of the other City Councilors. This year, the committee was chaired by **Councilor Betty Bode** and she was joined by Beaverton residents **Eleanore Hale, Carl Teitelbaum, Lisa Yamin, Troy Hoppenrath** and **Sue Wagoner**.

2010-2011 SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING GRANT RECIPIENTS

Beaverton Literacy Council: provides volunteer tutors to teach English as a second language classes and prepare students for naturalization process and citizenship examination. Students are economically disadvantaged immigrant members of the community. Beaverton Literacy Council is a 100 percent volunteer-based organization. **\$4,500**

Beaverton Loaves and Fishes: provides hot, nutritious meals to seniors in Beaverton at the Elsie Stuhr Center and through the Meals-On-Wheels program. **\$8,000**

Beaverton Rotary Foundation - Dental Check Program: provides dental treatment for children identified by volunteer dentists during Rotary Dental Check Day to be conducted at one Beaverton Elementary School in September 2010 and children from three other Beaverton schools that were screened in previous years. All children who receive dental treatment will be from low-income families that could not otherwise obtain the needed treatments. Dental care is provided through the OHSU Dental School Pediatrics Clinic. There are no administrative expenses charged to this program. **\$6,000**

Big Brothers Big Sisters – Beaverton School District Mentoring Initiative: provide school-based mentoring program in the Beaverton School District to low-income youth. The program provides 12 months of professionally supported, one-to-one mentoring services to at-risk students in first through fifth grades attending Aloha-Huber, Barnes and Kinnaman Elementary School. These schools were specifically targeted due to high poverty/minority populations. **\$10,000**

Boys and Girls Aid Society – Safe Place Shelter: provides services to runaway, homeless, and at-risk Beaverton youth at the Safe Place Shelter in Hillsboro. Provides short-term shelter, supportive services, and a critical link to community resources that assists youth in finding safe housing and increasing their stability. **\$25,000**

Care to Share: provides in-take, referral and coordination services of food box distribution to individuals requesting appointments at local food pantries. Care to Share also provides utility bill payment services to clients facing shut-offs. Care to Share will pledge available funding to client's utility account to prevent loss of water, electric, gas, wood, oil or garbage services. **\$20,000**

Community Action Organization - Energy and Emergency Rent Program: provides emergency assistance to low-income Beaverton households in crisis. Clients who are at-risk of being evicted because they cannot pay their rent will be assessed for a one-time emergency assistance payment. Assistance payments average \$450 and are paid directly to landlords. Community Action will negotiate with landlords on the client's behalf for reduction/forgiveness of fees or back rent which may have accrued. Families will also be screened for and referred to other services which can help them maintain their housing including long-term rent assistance, energy assistance, energy conservation workshops and tenant education classes. This program acts as a safety net to ensure that families in crisis do not lose the level of self-sufficiency that they have worked to attain. **\$40,000**

Community Alliance of Tenants - Renter Stability Education Program: works with low-income tenants to increase housing stability and safety through renter education services, support to tenants with chronic repair problems, Renter's Rights Hotline and community workshops. **\$9,000**

Community Partners for Affordable Housing, Inc. (CPAH): provides onsite services to low-income residents residing in three affordable housing complexes in Beaverton – Spencer House, Merlo Station, and Fircrest Manor – that were previously owned and operated by Tualatin Valley Housing Partners. **\$30,000**

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children: recruits, trains, and supervises community volunteers to advocate for children who have found their way into the juvenile court system. These cases are children who have been neglected, abused and removed from their homes. **\$10,000**

Domestic Violence Resource Center - Monika's House: provides a safe and confidential shelter for domestic violence survivors in imminent physical danger. The shelter provides accommodation and services that empower residents for self sufficiency. This is the only domestic violence shelter for women in Washington County. **\$14,000**

Ecumenical Ministries – Partnership with Beaverton Schools for Homeless Unaccompanied Youth: Shared Housing and the Beaverton School District's Homeless Liaisons will work together to identify homeless unaccompanied youth, find families who are interested in renting a room to a youth, screen the youth and families, match them, help them to create house rules and expectations and mediate disputes that arise. Program will allow homeless youth trying to stay in school a safe place to sleep each night. **\$2,000**

Essential Health Clinic - Project Access Washington County (PAWC): provides a free health clinic for uninsured, low-income residents of Washington County. The focus of the clinics is to identify and treat urgent medical problems including asthma, allergies, ear and respiratory infections, urinary tract infections, flu and minor injuries. There are three clinics per week on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. These clinics operate with volunteer providers, nurses and interpreters. **\$10,000**

Good Neighbor Center: the only homeless shelter in East Washington County. The shelter operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and provides housing, meals, clothing, and case management. **\$11,000**

LifeWorks Northwest – Health Start: provides support services for at-risk first time parents, preventing possible child abuse and neglect and increasing the child's readiness to enter school. **\$20,000**

Open Door Counseling – Housing Support Services Program: provide services to very low, low- and moderate-income Beaverton residents who are at-risk of being homeless. These services include: no-cost homeless housing support services, no-cost pre-purchasing first-time homebuyer education, and no-cost loss mitigating counseling for those who are facing mortgage foreclosure. **\$8,500**

Oregon Somali Family Education Center: provides support services to Somali refugees and immigrants' as well as young Somali school-aged children and their families in areas of parent education, domestic violence and support, sports and recreation, ESL classes embedded with skill building and health education, and referrals. The program will strive to teach Somali students to assimilate into the new school culture while continuing to preserve their own culture. **\$25,000**

Rebuilding Together: provides free home repair and rehabilitation services to low-income, disabled and elderly homeowners in Beaverton. **\$5,000**

St. Matthew Emergency Food Program: provides 5-7 days of nutritional food and basic household products to low-income residents of Beaverton in need and referred by Care to Share. Food pantry has been in operation since 1974. **\$11,520**

Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC): provides free and confidential services to survivors of sexual assault which include support, counseling, and advocacy. SARC is one of Oregon's two stand-alone Rape Crisis Centers which has been in operation since 1977. **\$8,038**

Somali Bantu Citizen Group (SBCG) – Women's Sewing Project: this project is planned to be an initial step in the empowerment of Somali Bantu women. By providing sewing machines and training, the community will help women gain skills, become more productive members of their adopted nation, and assist their refugee community become more self-reliant. The sewing project will benefit not only the women of the Somali Bantu community but also their families and, eventually, the greater Beaverton community. **\$3,375**

Store to Door: provides shopping and delivery of groceries to seniors and people with disabilities who are not mobile enough to shop for groceries, toiletries, household items and prescriptions on their own. **\$5,000**

Sunshine Pantry: provides food, clothing, sundries and household items to low-income, disabled, unemployed and in-need persons. **\$25,000**

Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center – Mental/Behavioral Health Services Program: program supports Virginia Garcia's recent integration of mental/behavioral healthcare within its primary care clinic in Beaverton. This one year old program is made possible because of a unique partnership with Lifeworks NW to address a significant need for access to mental/behavioral health services for some of Beaverton's most vulnerable residents especially immigrants, people whose first language is not English and people living in poverty. **\$25,619**

Washington County Bicycle Transportation Coalition (BTC) – Smart Cycling Transportation Trailer Project: Grants funds will be used to purchase a secure, enclosed cargo trailer. The trailer will be used to store the fleet of 25 bikes used by the instructors of the Washington County BTC to facilitate transporting them to the schools throughout Beaverton and Washington County as they present the Smart Cycling for Kids "Bicycle Skills 123" clinics. **\$1,000**

Westside Service Center: provides a clean, safe and sober environment where individuals struggling to free themselves from the addiction of drugs and alcohol can find support in their efforts. Westside Service Center provides support of the 12-step recovery program. **\$17,575**

Youth Contact: provides culturally and linguistically appropriate programs. Outpatient Behavioral Health Services: action-oriented, evidence based, and practical outpatient mental health and chemical dependency treatment for children, youth and their families. School-Based Juvenile Crime Prevention: addresses the needs of at-risk youth in order to reduce delinquency and school failure, alcohol and drug use, and other behavioral programs that often accompany it. Strong working relationship with the Beaverton School District allows Youth Contact staff to be placed directly into schools. Hillsboro Family Resource Center: provides basic needs assistance and information and referral services; emergency food boxes, clothing closet, personal hygiene products, parenting classes, dental van, diapers and children's clothing. **\$28,000**

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton has been recognized as the **safest city in the Pacific Northwest** for three consecutive years, as one of the **best places to raise kids** by BusinessWeek magazine, a **Top 100 Best Places to Live in America** by Money Magazine, an **All-America City finalist**, one of the **100 Best Walking Cities in America** by Prevention Magazine, retains a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly community designation** by the League of American Bicyclists and is one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Beaverton also enjoys the most diverse population (by percentage of population) among Oregon cities.

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