

2024-25 Human Services Grant Preliminary Funding Recommendations

	Organization	Project or Program	Description of Project/Program	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount
1	5 Cities Homeless Coalition	Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing	This program provides wrap-around services including case management and direct financial assistance with a special emphasis on the housing support program. It will ensure services are low-barrier and accessible and assist them to resolve their housing crisis before focusing on other non-housing related services. The use of the funds will be for rental assistance and relocation stabilization (staff & application fees and deposit).	\$20,000	\$10,000
2	Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Luis Obispo County	Mentoring to Help Disadvantaged Youth Meet their Full Potential	This program provides professional caseworkers to pair and sustain mentoring relationships for disadvantaged youth residing SLO. Caseworkers (bilingual) will screen, train, pair with a mentor, support, assess, and provide referrals to address physical, mental health, and developmental service needs, including connections to hunger prevention programs. The funds will be used for local government/schools and for staff salaries.	\$10,000	\$0
3	CASA of San Luis Obispo County, Inc.	General SLO CASA Program Support	This program advocates for the best interests of abused and neglected children within the court system. CASA recruits, trains, and supervises volunteers who advocate for this vulnerable population with the goal of ensuring that each and every child grows up in a safe, nurturing, and permanent home. The funds will be used for rent and utilities.	\$20,000	\$10,000
4	City Farm	2025 Youth Empowerment Program	This program supports the Summer of 2025, City Farm SLO's Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) will provide 1,500 individual instruction hours to 35 teens. 5,000 pounds of produce will be delivered to the SLO Food Bank as a result of programming, impacting thousands of residents. The funds will be used for two facilitators, a farmer, food and beverage, tools and materials, and liability insurance.	\$15,000	\$8,948
5	Community Action Partnership of SLO County	Homeless Prevention/Stable Housing Services	This program will provide emergency financial assistance to residents in households in SLO that are at risk of being evicted and need help with a rental payment, or who need support securing housing with first month's rent and/or a security deposit. The funds will be used for financial assistance payments and "indirect expenses @8%".	\$10,000	\$0

6	Community Action Partnership of SLO County	Families in Transition (FIT)	This program is a long-standing program and partnership with SLCUSD focused on supporting homeless students and their families. This project is intended to support 10 families with children (five homeless, five at risk for eviction) enrolled in SLCUSD that reside in the city. The funds will be used for housing-related case management services (described above) and direct financial support to secure and maintain permanent housing for these youth and their families.	\$10,000	\$0
7	Community Counseling Center	Sharing the Therapeutic Space: Professional and Affordable Psychotherapy Options for Underprivileged Populations in the City of San Luis Obispo	This program supports the small collective of volunteer therapists and coordinators of a flourishing organization that serves thousands of low-income residents, students, and unhoused individuals and provides training opportunities to current and future mental health professionals. The funds will be used towards 3 salaries, telehealth annual fee, rent/mortgage, and operating expenses.	\$5,000	\$0
8	Corazon Latino	Support Groups - Corazon Latino Central Coast	This program will have reoccurring focus groups where marginalized communities will have access to multiple agencies providing information and support regarding homeless prevention, hunger and malnutrition prevention, language services, and physical/mental health services. It also aims to provide childcare, food, and ongoing rotation of partner agencies at these support groups. The funds will be used towards 5 salaries and food & beverage.	\$20,000	\$0
9	Diversity Coalition	BIPOC Board Leadership Training Program	This project supports the ongoing efforts of the BIPOC Board Leadership program that conducts 2 trainings per year with 12-15 diverse BIPOC participants, that is followed by board placement assistance for BIPOC individuals with nonprofit boards. It also supports their partnership with Spokes in providing DEI trainings to agencies aiming to diversify their boards. The funds will be used for staff salary, training materials, and meals for cohort.	\$10,000	\$0
10	Family Matters Consulting	Circle of Security - Prevention Program	This program aims to address the systematic injustices marginalized children experience in the education system. This is done by addressing the challenges by implementing evidence-based interventions with Circle of Security focused on promoting equity and inclusion in early childhood education. The funds will be used for two facilitators and one program coordinator who will provide accessible support groups.	\$15,000	\$0

11	Food Bank of SLO County	No-Cook Bags for SLO County Residents Experiencing Homelessness	This program will provide continued funding for our No-Cook Bags program, bags of portable foods designed for homeless residents who do not have access to a kitchen and cannot benefit from typical Food Bank distribution items. This program has proven to be very successful in the City of San Luis Obispo, with approximately 1,500 No-Cook Bags distributed each month to homeless residents of the city to ensure access to nutritious meals. The funds will be used to purchase food for program.	\$20,000.00	\$0
12	Hospice of SLO County	Caregiver Support and Grief Counseling	This program is meant to offer a variety of services to help keep home caregivers healthy and well as they care for a loved one with a life-limiting diagnosis. The funds for this program will be to support the personnel costs associated with sustaining the Caregiver Support and Grief Counseling program so that they can meet the community's ongoing need for in-home caregiver support and grief counseling services.	\$20,000	\$0
13	Housing Authority San Luis Obispo	Housing Stability with Supportive Housing Program	This program's objectives include housing stability, transitioning from homelessness and rapid-rehoused and eviction prevention. The funds will be focused on 4 areas including transportation, hunger, transitional housing, and incentives and this program intends to serve 1,099 residents in the city.	\$20,000	\$10,000
14	Independent Living Resource Center	Disability Rights and Cultural Awareness in San Luis Obispo	The program will focus on providing a series of workshops to community members in two key areas Workshop Focus #1: Advocacy Skill Development and Workshop Focus #2: Disability Inclusion in the Workplace, followed by a Disability Culture Night. The funds will be for workshop consultant, travel, lodging, space, supplies, support, and access accommodations.	\$8,691	\$0
15	Jack's Helping Hand	Assistance for Single Mothers of Children with Special Needs in the City of San Luis Obispo	This program is designed to empower and enable families, professionals, and the broader community to meet the unique physical, mental, and medical needs of special children and young adults under the age of 21 within SLO County. There are currently 35 children receiving direct assisted, 54% of whom are being cared for by a single or divorced parent. The funds will be used for food gift cards, lodging for out of town medical appointments, transportation/fuel expenses, medical equipment, medical bills and emergency needs.	\$10,000	\$5,000

16	Jewish Family Services of San Luis Obispo	Homeless Support Services	This program will provide necessary support services to the homeless population by offering services such as: DMV registration, vehicle insurance, car repair, and gas cards; additional needed assistance for items such as: storage, food, impound fees, propane, rent and deposits, medical and legal expenses. The grant will be used for operating and administrative costs.	\$7,300	\$7,300
17	Literacy for Life	The Literacy Program	This program's mission is to recruit and train community members to become volunteer tutors to work one-on-one with learners and guide them to set and meet their individual literacy learning goal (s). The goals can be as vary by the needs of the student. The funds will be used for general operating expenses.	\$10,000	\$10,000
18	Long Term Care Ombudsman Services of San Luis Obispo County	Ombudsman Services	This program has services for people who live in long term care facilities (skilled nursing or residential care facilities for the elderly) or who are seeking information about facilities. Services include resident advocacy, facility monitoring visits, complaint investigations and resolution, information and assistance, and systemic advocacy. The funds will be used for staff salaries.	\$5,000	\$5,000
19	Lumina Alliance	Emergency Shelter Program for Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Survivors	This program is the only agency on the Central Coast that operates a rape crisis center and has shelters that are consistently at capacity and receive an ever-increasing number of requests for services and calls to the 24/7 Crisis & Information Line. The funds will be used for utilities, equipment, repair, and food to support general operating costs, as well as any necessary repairs, for our shelters that arise.	\$20,000	\$10,000
20	One Cool Earth	Garden Education Program	The project will support our programming at four (4) SLO school gardens, providing year-long nutrition learning for 1669 students. A Garden Educator is provided to school campuses who teach a series of 108 seasonally-aligned, hands-on, and standard-based lessons per school per year. The Garden Educator will also hold two (2) community garden workdays and one family cooking night per school. The funds will be used for educator wages, garden supplies, and cooking supplies.	\$5,000	\$0

21	PathPoint	Independent Living Technology for People with I/DD	This program will provide independent living technology that will enable people with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities served in the Independent Living Services (ILS) and Coordinated Family Supports (CFS) to learn the skills necessary to retain stable housing, live productive lives, and achieve maximum independence. The funds will be used for smart home hubs, automated medication dispensers, tablets, visual alert systems, livescribe pens, smart cooking devices, smart televisions, smartwatches, and electric lift desks.	\$15,000	\$0
22	People's Self-Help Housing Corporation	SLO Supportive Housing Program for Low-Income Households	This program will provide an average of 16 hours of service every week benefitting PSHH's San Luis Obispo residents. New residents receive information about SHP services upon move-in from Residence Managers, who live onsite. Managers also provide additional outreach whenever a resident speaks to them about a particular difficulty with which social workers could assist.	\$20,000	\$0
23	Pregnancy and Parenting Support of SLO County	Nurture SLO Families	This program provides local families with emotional support, practical assistance, and connections to community resources from pregnancy through early childhood. They offer free psychotherapy with trained clinicians through partnership with Community Counseling Center. The funds will be used for 3 staff positions, rent, program supplies and staff training.	\$15,000	\$0
24	RACE MATTERS SLO	Shop Talk	This project seeks funds to support 12 monthly programs centered on Black wellness and healing, as well as wellness and healing for other communities of color, through our program, "Shop Talk," which advances health equity and wellbeing through clinician-led discussion groups. The funds will be used for all costs (staff, honoraria, facility rental, admin, cleaning, marking, food, and supplies.	\$10,000	\$0
25	Restorative Partners, Inc.	Opportunity to Fund	These programs designed to assist individuals facing financial barriers, mental health issues, and substance abuse challenges as they reintegrate into our community. This year, they expect to assist 80 individuals as they work to overcome homelessness, unemployment, and stigma. The funds will be used for client's emergency needs.	\$10,000	\$0

26	San Luis Obispo Child Development Resource Center	Child and Family Play Therapy Program	This program will fund the therapy team in providing additional counseling and rehabilitation services. Grant funds will expand services, accommodating 20 additional therapy clients annually. The funds will be used to provide 325 therapy hours and 8 hours of professional development, focusing on cultural competencies.	\$10,000	\$0
27	San Luis Obispo Committee for Education on Alcoholism, dba Middle House	Alumni Housing	This project seeks to help clients of Middle House to relocate to independent living after a satisfactory stay at Middle House, which is difficult to find housing due the extreme expense of pre-rental requirements (i.e., security deposit, first & last months' rent, etc.).	\$6,250	\$6,250
28	San Luis Obispo Committee for Education on Alcoholism, dba Middle House	Homeless Prevention	This project seeks to help clients of Middle House with the opportunity to continue and improve their path of recovery and wellness in a safe, healthy, and appropriate environment.	\$5,600	\$5,600
29	San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Coalition, dba Bike SLO County	Cycling Without Age	The new Bike SLO County program, Cycling Without Age, addresses social isolation for seniors by offering bicycle rides for those who can no longer cycle. The funds will be used for materials, marketing, insurance, and background checks to increase volunteer efforts.	\$5,500	\$0
30	San Luis Obispo Legal Assistance Foundation	Senior Legal Services	This program provides assistance to approximately 2,000 SLO County residents in need of legal assistance or referrals to other resources, 700+ being seniors. SLSP's resulting caseload of 250+ clients each year includes civil matters such as homelessness prevention, elder abuse, consumer finance, government benefits appeals, and preparing for incapacity/end-of-life. The funds will be used for all operating costs.	\$20,000	\$0
31	Senior Nutrition Program	Meals that Connect	This program strives to meet the growing needs to feed the senior population, especially those who are at or below the poverty level. The funds will be used to cover food costs, kitchen staff labor, supplies, rent, transportation cost for our San Luis Obispo dining site at the United Church of Christ Congregational.	\$15,000	\$7,500
32	Shower the People	Shower the People	The program will continue to provide access to a free shower to the homeless at our current four (4) sites in San Luis Obispo. It provides clients with a shower as well as a new pair of underwear, socks, t-shirts, a comb, and hand sanitizer.	\$20,000	\$20,000

33	SLO County UndocuSupport	Direct Housing Aid for Immigrant Families	This program is intended to provide aid to local undocumented focused community-based-organizations that directly interface with the undocumented population to provide direct housing aid in the form of rental assistance, security deposit, and/or utility payment to avoid shut-off. The funds will be used for grants, staff, and administrative fees.	\$7,442	\$7,442
34	SLO Noor Foundation	Whole Community Care Project	This program will open a solely owned and operated mobile health clinic in addition to expanding capacity at its existing two clinic sites in San Luis Obispo. It will provide new and existing clinical programs, a new care coordination program, and a new community outreach campaign to better reach and serve "hard-to-reach" populations in the City of San Luis Obispo. The funds will be used for staffing and program services.	\$20,000	\$0
35	Smart Share Housing Solutions	Community Housing Provisions/Homeless Prevention	The program is a two-pronged approach, providing immediate direct housing to City residents and planning for broader longer term housing support in upcoming years through the Waterman Village Residency Plan. The funds will be used for research, training, stakeholder input, draft review and final draft.	\$14,460	\$5,960
36	Transitions Mental Health Association	Growing Grounds Downtown	This program is one of three Growing Grounds social enterprises that provides vocational training and paid employment to 20 TMHA clients with the hopes of adding 4 clients, with a focus on individuals who are at risk of homelessness. The funds will be used for staff salaries, client wages, PR taxes, credit card/service charges, insurance, and telecommunication.	\$20,000	\$10,000
37	United Way of San Luis Obispo	Community -Driven Initiative in San Luis Obispo: Preventing Poverty and Building a Sustainable Community	This program focuses on two primary areas of impact that include community collaboration and poverty prevention by providing tax resources, a resource fair, a financial literacy program, and by increasing volunteer engagement. The funds will be used for staff salaries, administrative costs, advertising, "miscellaneous," and platform subscriptions.	\$20,000	\$11,000
TOTAL				\$495,243	\$150,000