

City of Lawrence  
Social Service Funding Advisory Board Meeting  
May 18, 2017 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Burdett Loomis, Ranelle Fischer, Alice Lieberman, Galenea Miller, Steven Davis, Felecia Cunningham

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Casey Toomay, Assistant City Manager; Danielle Buschkoetter, Management Assistant

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jason Daniels, Sara Taliaferro, Scott Fewins, Tom Markus

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### **Call to Order**

Loomis called the meeting to order.

### **Introductions**

The Board went around and made introductions. There were a few audience members at the start of the meeting.

### **Approve Minutes**

A motion to approve minutes from April 26, 2017 was made by Loomis and seconded by Lieberman. The motion passed 6-0.

### **Recommendations for 2018 Funding**

The Board provided individual recommendations to staff that was used to determine an average recommendation. This served as a starting point for discussion.

The Board started discussions with the Alcohol Funds. Toomay outlined the funding level and noted that funding for social services was flat in the 2018 recommended budget.

Loomis discussed the long history that some agencies have with this grant program and with the City and community of Lawrence. He also noted the difference between Special Alcohol Funds and General Funds.

The Board discussed their recommended funding level for each agency that requested Special Alcohol Funds. The Board's recommendations are as follows:

<b>Name of Agency</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>	<b>2018 Requested</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>Board Recommendation</b>
Bert Nash Center	\$321,815	\$321,815	0.0%	\$299,000
Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence	98,372	107,100	8.9%	98,000
DCCCA, Inc. (outpatient)	93,524	97,929	4.7%	94,000
DCCCA, Inc. (first step)	37,180	64,480	73.4%	38,000
Douglas County Child Development Association	0	13,700		9,000
Health Care Access, Inc.	6,946	6,946	0.0%	7,000
Heartland Medical Clinic, Inc.	61,167	102,414	67.4%	61,000
Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters, Inc.	9,570	15,000	56.7%	9,000
Lawrence Alcoholic Recovery House, Inc.	7,000	7,500	7.1%	7,500
Lawrence Community Shelter, Inc.	84,000	148,000	76.2%	84,000
The Willow Domestic Violence Center	18,618	17,710	-4.9%	17,000
Van Go, Inc.	26,273	32,000	21.8%	26,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$764,465</b>	<b>\$934,594</b>	<b>22.3%</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>

The Board noted that Douglas County Child Development Center was a new application but that it aligned well with the Charter Ordinance, therefore it should be partially funded.

The Board took a 5-minute break before discussing general fund recommendations.

The Board discussed the General Fund agencies. Toomay outlined the funding level and noted that funding for social services was flat in the 2018 recommended budget.

The Board discussed their recommended funding level for each agency that requested General Funds. The Board's recommendations are as follows:

<b>Name of Agency</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>	<b>2018 Requested</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>Board Recommendation</b>
Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence	\$115,978	\$148,800	28.3%	\$116,000
Communities In Schools of Mid-America, Inc.	2,290	12,000	424.0%	6,000
Douglas County CASA,	21,520	25,000	16.2%	22,000

Inc.				
Douglas County Child Development Association	0	56,375		0
Douglas County Dental Clinic, Inc.	15,000	15,000	0.0%	15,000
Health Care Access, Inc.	23,331	23,331	0.0%	23,500
Housing and Credit Counseling, Inc. (HCCI)	15,650	21,840	39.6%	17,000
Just Food of Douglas County, KS Inc.	5,000	25,000	400.0%	10,000
Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters, Inc.	17,637	25,000	41.7%	17,800
Lawrence Arts Center, Inc.	0	60,000		0
Lawrence Children's Choir, Inc.	5,000	12,000	140.0%	0
Lawrence Community Food Alliance	5,748	15,000	161.0%	7,500
Lawrence Community Shelter, Inc.	100,000	199,000	99.0%	100,000
Senior Resource Center for Douglas County, Inc. (formerly Douglas County Senior Services, Inc.)	0	24,000		0
Success By 6 Coalition of Douglas County	25,033	55,000	119.7%	25,000
TFI Family Services, Inc.	6,503	10,000	53.8%	8,000
The Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center	143,970	178,208	23.8%	144,000
The Salvation Army of Douglas County	5,083	5,000	-1.6%	5,000
The Salvation Army, Lawrence, Kansas	2,375	8,000	236.8%	6,000
The Sexual Trauma & Abuse Care Center	8,200	8,200	0.0%	8,200
The Shelter, Inc.	28,575	32,000	12.0%	28,500
The Willow Domestic Violence Center	5,500	7,290	32.5%	6,000
Van Go, Inc.	29,460	31,890	8.2%	29,500
Warm Hearts of Douglas County, Inc	4,480	5,470	22.1%	5,000
Women's Fresh Start Project	0	36,533		15,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$586,333</b>	<b>\$1,039,937</b>	<b>77.4%</b>	<b>\$615,000</b>

The Board pointed out that Douglas County Child Development Center, Lawrence Arts Center, Senior Resource Center for Douglas County, and Women's Fresh Start did not receive funding in 2017 through this grant program.

The Board noted that Douglas County Child Development Association was requesting funds for a position and were hesitant to fund requests for personnel due to the long-term, ongoing nature of the request.

The Board also indicated that the Lawrence Arts Center request and the Lawrence Children's Choir request may be better suited for other grant opportunities. They also highlighted the Arts Center's ability to fundraise and noted that some other agencies do not have that same capacity.

The Board elected not to recommend funding for the Senior Resource Center for Douglas County due to concerns that it duplicated services of other agencies. Additionally, it was noted that new programs are difficult to fund because the requests for General Funds dollars continues to go up year after year.

The Board did recommended funding for the Women's Fresh Start Project. Lieberman noted that there is a similar project in Kansas City that has been successful.

Davis added that the Board should evaluate some of the funding sources for agency requests, noting that there may be other funding sources that are more appropriate. He highlighted the requests for bus passes, asking if those could be funded out of the transit fund in the future.

A motion to recommended funding levels to the City Commission was made by Lieberman and seconded by Cunningham. The motion passed 6-0.

### **Minimum Funding Level**

The Board decided to discuss this item at their October meeting.

### **Process Wrap-Up**

The Board decided to discuss this item at their October meeting.

### **Next Meeting—May 31, 2017**

The Board will review minutes and discuss the agenda for the upcoming October meeting.

### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Davis and seconded by Cunningham. The motion passed 6-0.