

November 11, 2011

Casey Toomay
Budget Manager
City Manager's Office
City of Lawrence

RE: 2011 General Funding Request

Dear Casey Toomay:

Ballard Community Services was included in the City of Lawrence budget for 2011 in the amount of \$7,500.00 for funding of the Emergency Service Council (ESC) rent and utility assistance program. ESC provides rent and utility assistance to Lawrence residents who are in imminent danger of being evicted or having essential utility services disconnected.

At this time we are requesting the allocated funding of \$7500.00 or 100% of the total allocated for this use in the City of Lawrence's general fund. We have also included our annual progress report.

We would like to thank the city staff and commissioners for their continued support of this homelessness prevention program on behalf of the ESC's member agencies and its applicants. The available budget for this program is such that assistance funds are only available in very limited amounts at the beginning of each month, and the need for service cannot be fully met.

In 2011 we've paid \$4619.74 to City of Lawrence Utility Billing to prevent utility service disconnections to their customers. ESC also provides payments to landlords, and the other utility companies that serve the Lawrence area. Money spent in this way helps bolster the local economy and defray the financial loss associated with evictions and disconnections, in the end helping to keep these losses from being passed on to other citizens in our community.

Thank you,

Doug Davison
Director of Human Services



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Ballard Community Services is a non-profit organization that provides a high quality early education program and essential basic life assistance to families and individuals in need.



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