

2023 Community Human Services Program (CHSP) Summary Sheet

APPLICANT	USE OF FUNDS	REQUEST
<p>Garden-Raised Bounty (GRuB) 2016 Elliott Avenue NW Olympia, WA 98502</p>	<p>Funds will continue to support the GRuB Garden Project (GGP). GRuB will be able to support six gardens serving households in Tumwater for \$3,000.00, depending on the number of applications GRuB receives. Well into the third year of COVID-19, many individuals are still facing issues due to the pandemic (such as job loss, isolation, illness, housing, and food insecurity). There continues to be a strong need for increased food security and increased well-being in and beyond our community. Each season, GGP brings home gardens, training, and resources to anywhere between 35-100 low-income households (funding dependent). Each garden is filled with weed-free, high organic-content soil, and GRuB distributes seeds, vegetable starts, gardening guides, and provides one-on-one monthly gardening mentorship. Throughout the year, GRuB also provides free workshops on topics such as sustainable gardening practices, garden planning, weeding, harvesting, and cooking. GRuB's goal is to work toward a just and sustainable local food system where all low-income and food-insecure people have access to quality, culturally-appropriate food, and healing gardening space. GRuB strives to create opportunities for gardeners and veterans to become leaders in the local food movement – working to address hunger and move toward a more sustainable food production system in Thurston County.</p>	<p>\$3,000</p>
<p>Dispute Resolution Center of Thurston County (DRC) PO Box 6184 Olympia, WA 98507</p>	<p>Funds from the City of Tumwater contribute to the DRC Conflict Resolution Resource Line. Neighbor-to-neighbor disputes, homeowner association disputes, personal property disputes, and others can often be resolved with a call to the DRC. The Resource Line is a no-cost service for people who can call in to speak with trained conciliators who provide conflict coaching, information, referrals, and arrange face-to-face mediations. The Conflict Resolution Resource Line provides services at a fraction of the cost that jurisdictions would pay when conflict rises to the level of city and county staff, code enforcement officers, and local police. All residents of Thurston and south Mason counties, including Tumwater, have access to DRC services. DRC services are offered on a sliding scale fee basis because our goal is to support people in need of conflict solutions that are affordable for everyone. DRC has longstanding experience delivering services in communication, conflict resolution, and facilitation. DRC's goal is to help our community communicate and resolve differences with civility and respect.</p>	<p>\$4,500</p>
<p>Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Washington 2424 Heritage Court SW, #302 Olympia, WA 98502</p>	<p>Funds from the City of Tumwater grant would be used to expand Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Washington's (BBBS) Site-Based mentoring program in the Tumwater School District, where both middle and high school youth would benefit from one-to-one mentorship. The two major types of match meet-ups focused on are Site-Based and Community-Based. The Site-Based program has Bigs and Littles meeting at a local community center or virtually, typically one-hour a week after school. This allows matches to build a friendship within a structured setting with professional staff support nearby. Activities follow a curriculum focusing on STEAM activities, diversity, career exploration, social-emotional skill building, and healthy relationship development. If the grant request is received, BBBS would put the money toward staff salaries,</p>	<p>\$5,000</p>

	specifically a Match Support Specialist, which would allow BBBS to increase the amount of matches between underserved youth and trained adult mentors. At a cost of \$400-500 per match, general operating funds would be instrumental in helping to reach the goal of establishing ten new Site-Based matches in the Tumwater School District by the end of the funding cycle in 2023.	
Family Education and Support Services 6840 Capitol Blvd., Building #3 Tumwater, WA 98501	Funds will be used to support Family Education and Support Services (FESS) provision of two six-week series of prevention based parenting programs called "Guiding Good Choices". Working closely with the Boys and Girls Club and the Tumwater School district, FESS plans to offer the series targeting the reduction of youth substance abuse. FESS will make every effort to prioritize vulnerable families in collaboration with community partners. Both series of classes will be held in Tumwater; one in January and the other in June 2023; partnering with Tumwater businesses and resources. The goal in offering this program is to prevent future youth substance abuse issues, smoking/vaping, and to improve family well-being by promoting parent/caregiver family management skills, communication and connection to each other, and to community resources.	\$5,000
SafePlace 521 Legion Way SE Olympia, WA 98501	Funds will be used to support community advocacy clients which is generally in the form of some type of custom solution for survivors and their children to seek safety and stability from an abusive situation. Sometimes it is help with a utility bill at a new apartment, a mechanical fix or a fuel card that is the only obstacle from getting a family to safety. Having this support to provide these crucial services leverages the program already in place with resources to give additional Tumwater survivors and their children the assistance they otherwise would not receive due to lack of available funding. SafePlace works for societal change to prevent sexual and domestic violence while offering crisis intervention, education, and long-term advocacy services. SafePlace is the only dual service provider for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault services in Thurston County, operates the only Emergency Shelter for Domestic Violence survivors in Thurston County, and a 24/7 crisis call line.	\$6,000
Family Support Center of South Sound 3545 7 th Avenue SW, Suite 200 Olympia, WA 98502	Funds will be used for the Family Resource Services (FRS) Program. FRS is a prevention focused support program that affords any family with children walk-in services provided by a trained Family Resource Navigator. Though it is cheaper to prevent someone from becoming homeless, there are not nearly as many programs and resources for families who are facing a housing crisis but not yet literally homeless. With support from the City of Tumwater, the FRS program provided support to more than 320 households last year. These are families who would have been evicted within 14 days, did not have the resources to secure new housing, or were sharing housing. The FRS Navigator works to mitigate any crisis they are experiencing to best meet the needs of the family and may directly meet that need through internal financial resources (utility assistance, eviction assistance, application fees), physical items (children's supplies, basic need items), or by directly connecting the household to a community resource. On average, 25 households per day reach out to FSC seeking services offered by the FRS Program (via phone, social media, email, and walk-in). With the current capacity, the FRS program serves 350+ households annually.	\$5,000