



United Community Services  
of Johnson County

# ***2025 Human Service Fund (HSF)***

**Westwood City Council Meeting  
November 14, 2024**

# *What is the Human Service Fund?*

- A City-County partnership that supports priority health and human services and has been managed by UCS since 1990.
- General tax dollars are awarded to nonprofits which operate vital health and human service programs that meet needs of Johnson County residents who live with income at, below or near federal poverty level.
- Human Service Fund provides a direct benefit to local governments and taxpayers by reducing the need for more costly interventions at public expense – such as law enforcement, courts, and code enforcement.



# *Human Service Fund Focus*

- Programs that address well-being, personal safety and stability of Johnson County residents.
- Programs that fit within safety net investment components of basic needs, work and incomes supports, or health, wellness and personal safety.
- Primary beneficiaries are residents at or below 200% FPL (\$51,640 for a family of 3)
  - ~15% of the population in Johnson County

# *Human Service Fund Impact*

- Since 1990, over \$8M in funds awarded through HSF and households, jurisdictions, and communities continue to benefit.
- In 2023, jurisdictions committed \$439,040 to HSF.
- In 2023, over 58,000 Johnson County residents were able to access over 175,000 units of service — including nights of safe shelter, healthcare and mental health and behavioral healthcare, food, rental and utility assistance, job training, financial counseling and more; these programs are designed to offer support and create opportunities to build self-sufficiency and well-being.

# Human Service Fund Support

JURISDICTION	2024	2025	JURISDICTION	2024	2025
Johnson County	\$162,500	\$162,500	Mission	\$10,500	\$10,500
De Soto	\$3,030	\$3,030	Olathe	\$70,000	\$77,000
Edgerton	\$3,000	\$5,000	Overland Park	\$99,000	\$99,000
Gardner	\$7,300	\$8,000	Prairie Village	\$10,500	\$10,500
Leawood	\$19,000	\$19,000	Roeland Park	\$6,360	\$6,360
Lenexa	\$23,500	\$23,500	Shawnee	\$33,000	\$33,000
Merriam	\$11,000	\$11,000	Spring Hill	\$2,500	\$2,750
			Westwood	\$2,000	\$2,000

	2024	2025
Total Contributions	\$463,190	\$473,140
UCS Administration	<u>- 28,500</u>	<u>-28,500</u>
Total Allocable Funds	\$434,690	\$444,640

# 2025 Human Service Fund Recommendations

- **21 total applications**
- Purpose of small grants of <\$5,000
  - Support small Johnson County nonprofits in growing footprint and grant writing capacity
- Small grants: \$9,900 recommended for 2 programs
  - New applicant: Fountain of Life supports health equity for Asian American Pacific Islanders families with seniors, by offering affordable counseling, free psychosocial education groups and family bonding activities.
  - Community Center of Shawnee supports employment through transportation assistance.



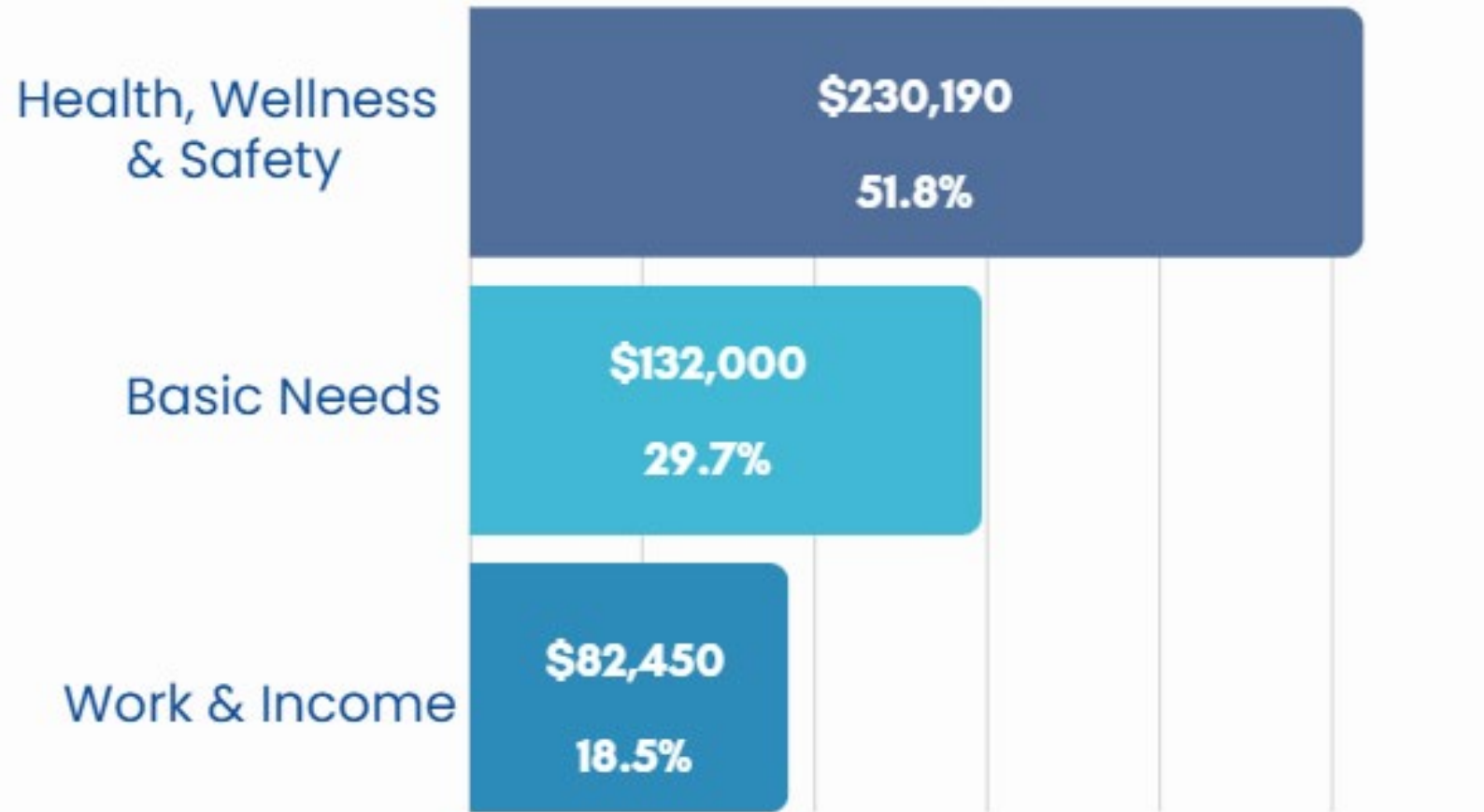
# 2025 Human Service Fund Recommendations

- Regular grants: \$434,740 recommended for 18 programs
  - Returning / new applicant: Inclusion Connections, supports adults with development disabilities to help secure and maintain employment.
  - Returning, established grantees/programs:
    - CASA, Catholic Charities, Center of Grace, El Centro, Foster Adopt Connect, Growing Futures, Health Partnership Clinic, Hillcrest Ministries, HopeBuilders, Kansas Children's Service League, Kansas Parents as Teachers, KidsTLC, NCircle, Pathway to Hope, SafeHome, Salvation Army Family Lodge, and Sunflower House
  - Not recommended: ECKAN

# 2025 Human Service Fund Distribution

## HSF Distribution by Program Type

Total allocated in 2025: \$444,640





# Thank you!

*Please direct additional questions to:*

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