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2026 QUALITY OF LIFE - LOCAL FUNDING				
BASIC NEEDS				
2026 Proposed QOL Project Name		**2025 Award**	**2026 QOL Request**	**2026 Recommendations**
Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry	*Pantry 2go Program*	$16,500	$38,250	**$33,000**
Fox Valley United Way - SPARK	*Gateway to Early Childhood*	$25,000	$35,000	**$30,000**
Holy Angels Food Pantry	*Holy Angels Food Pantry*	New Applicant	$10,000	**$0**
Indian Prairie Educational Foundation	*Kid Essentials Program*	$7,500	$10,000	**$9,000**
Loaves & Fishes	*Grocery Assistance Program*	$25,000	$40,000	**$30,000**
Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry	*Emergency food for East and West Aurora Schools*	$20,000	$40,000	**$20,000**
Northern Illinois Food Bank - Backpack	*Backpack Program*	$20,000	$20,000	**$15,000**
Northern Illinois Food Bank - Senior	*Senior Grocery Program*	$25,000	$25,000	**$20,000**
YWCA	*Early Childhood Emergency Fund Project*	$10,000	$35,000	**$18,000**
Subtotal		**$149,000**	**$253,250**	**$167,000**
COMMUNITY				
2026 Proposed QOL Project Name		**2025 Award**	**2026 QOL Request**	**2026 Recommendations**
Fellowship Housing	*Transitional Housing, Financial Literacy Training, and Wrap-Around Services for At-Risk Single Mothers and Children*	$10,000	$22,000	**Moved to AHS Funding for $20,000**
Ladder Up	*Tax Assistance Program*	$15,000	$20,000	**$15,000**
Lewis Simmons Foundation	*Stronger Together Aurora Resource Project*	$10,000	$20,000	**$8,000**
OLI Gardens	*Sustainable Solutions to Food Insecurity in the Aurora Area*	$10,000	$35,000	**$0**
TeachTeam	*Transitional Housing and Recovery Center for Homeless Veterans Living in Aurora*	N/A	$700,000	**$0**
The START Program	*Parents Night Out*	$0	$10,600	**$0**
Two Rivers Head Start	*Case Management*	New Applicant	$40,000	**$10,000**
Subtotal		**$45,000**	**$847,600**	**$33,000**

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EDUCATION & YOUTH				
2026 Proposed QOL Project Name		**2025 QOL Award**	**2026 QOL Request**	**2026 QOL Recommendations**
Alive Center	*Alive Aurora Drop-In*	$15,000	$20,000	**$16,000**
Aurora Legion Travel Baseball	*Open Field: No Player Left Behind*	Not Awarded	$10,000	**$0**
Aurora Starz	*2026 BBA Aurora Starz Teams*	Not Awarded	$10,000	**$0**
Boys & Girls Club	*Boys & Girls Club After School Programming*	$35,000	$40,000	**$0**
Boys Baseball of Aurora	*2026 BBA Summer and Fall Sessions*	$10,000	$25,000	**$8,000**
Dominican Literacy Center	*ESL & Citizenship Program*	$12,500	$29,758	**$20,000**
East Aurora School District	*Tomcat College and Career Camp Opportunities*	$10,000	$20,000	**$0**
Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley	*Make the First Five Count for children with developmental disabilities and their families*	$10,000	$19,000	**$19,000**
Fox Valley Special Recreation Association	*Therapeutic Recreation Summer Day Camp*	$20,000	$35,000	**$30,000**
Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois	*Project Opportunity*	$15,000	$30,850	**$15,000**
Imperfect Angels	*Angel Alliance Program - Illinois Chapter*	$5,000	$10,000	**$8,000**
Marie Wilkinson Child Development Center	*Marie Wilkinson Child Care & Youth Before & After School Care*	$15,000	$25,000	**$18,000**
Simply Destinee	*S.E.E.D.S. - Support, Educate, Empower, Dance, Sustain*	$15,000	$30,000	**$12,000**
Three Fires Council, Boy Scouts of America	*Scouting America Character & Leadership Development Program*	Did Not Apply	$20,000	**$8,000**
Valley Sheltered Workshop	*Pre-vocational Mentorship Program*	New Applicant	$10,000	**$5,000**
Wayside Cross Ministries	*Academic Support & Learning Enrichment Program*	$15,000	$35,000	**$20,000**
Wheatland Athletic Association	*Fee Assistance & Scholarship Program*	$10,000	$25,000	**$10,000**
Wong Center	*STEM Ignition*	$10,000	$40,000	**$10,000**
World Relief	*Refugee and Immigrant Youth Services - Empowering Aurora's Young People to Thrive*	$20,000	$40,000	**$35,000**
YMCA of Chicago	*Safe n' Sound*	$10,000	$30,000	**$10,000**
Subtotal		**$227,500**	**$504,608**	**$250,000**

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MENTAL HEALTH				
2026 Proposed QOL Project Name		**2025 Award**	**2026 QOL Request**	**2026 Recommendations**
Fox Valley Hands of Hope	*Grief Counseling*	$12,500	$15,000	**$10,000**
Judah Robinson Foundation	*Homeless Mental Health Intervention*	$12,500	$20,000	**$12,000**
Mercy Housing	*Aurora Mental Health Services for Older Adults*	New Applicant	$27,800	**$10,000**
NAMI DuPage	*Mental Health Education for Youth*	$12,500	$31,800	**$12,000**
NAMI-KDK	*NAM I Mental Health Services*	$5,000	$20,000	**$12,000**
Northwestern Living Well Cancer Center	*Counseling Program*	New Applicant	$40,000	**$10,000**
Suicide Prevention Services	*Ongoing Expansion of Suicide Prevention Services for Aurora City*	$10,000	$40,000	**$18,000**
Subtotal		**$52,500**	**$194,600**	**$86,000**
MUSEUMS				
2026 Proposed Quality of Life Project Name		**2025 Award**	**2026 QOL Request**	**2026 Recommendations**
Aurora Historical Society	*Giving the Past A Future*	$35,000	$40,000	**$50,000**
Aurora Regional Fire Museum	*Aurora Regional Fire Museum, Museum Operations*	$35,000	$60,000	**$50,000**
Subtotal		**$70,000**	**$100,000**	**$100,000**
PUBLIC SAFETY				
2026 Proposed Quality of Life Project Name		**2025 Award**	**2026 QOL Request**	**2026 Recommendations**
Association for Individual Development	*Victim & Outreach Services*	$100,000	$100,000	**$90,000**
Challenge II Change	*Empowerment Bridge Program*	Not Awarded	$40,000	**$10,000**
RITAS Ministries	*Prisoner Reentry Services*	$27,000	$40,000	**$25,000**
Subtotal		$127,000	$180,000	**$125,000**
SENIORS				
2026 Proposed Quality of Life Project Name		**2025 Award**	**2026 QOL Request**	**2026 Recommendations**
DuPage Senior Services Council	*Meals on Wheels, Community Dining, and Well-being Check-ins*	$25,000	$25,000	**$25,000**
Plum Landing	*Plum Landing Activity Program for Senior Residents*	New Applicant	$40,000	**$0**
Riverwalk Adult Day Services Day Services	*Adult Day Senior Services*	$5,500	$10,000	**$10,000**
Riverwalk Adult Day Services Rec	*Recreation Services Program*	$10,000	$10,000	**$0**
Xilin	*Managing Aging Life*	$20,000	$40,000	**$18,000**
Subtotal		**$60,500**	**$125,000**	**$53,000**

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT				
2026 Proposed QOL Project Name		**2025 QOL Award**	**2026 QOL Request**	**2026 Recommendations**
AAMOU	*TEEN Reach Aspire Intentional Mentoring (AIM) program*	$7,500	$35,000	**$15,000**
Deaf Welcome Foundation	*Deaf Welcome Workforce Development Program*	New Applicant	$80,000	**$0**
Leaders in Transformational Education	*LITE Youth Development*	$20,000	$25,000	**$14,000**
Quad County Urban League	*Economic Empowerment Center*	$22,500	$40,000	**$20,000**
Raising Our Daughters	*ROD Legacy Pathways Program*	New Applicant	$25,000	**$0**
Subtotal		**$50,000**	**$205,000**	**$49,000**
Grand Total		**$781,500**	**$2,410,058**	**$863,000**
Available Funding Remaining				**$0**