

2025 QUALITY OF LIFE PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS - Local Funds					
Applicant/Agency Name		Name of Project / Program Activity	2024 Award	2025 Request	2025 Recommendations
BASIC NEEDS					
1	Fellowship Housing	Transitional Housing, Financial Literacy Training and Wrap Around Services for At-Risk Single Mothers and Children	Did Not Apply - New Applicant	\$22,000	\$10,000
2	Fox Valley United Way - SPARK	SPARK Early Childhood Collaboration	\$25,000	\$35,000	\$25,000
3	Indian Prairie Educational Foundation	Kid Essentials Fund - Emergency Resources	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$7,500
4	Loaves & Fishes Community Services	Grocery Assistance Program for Aurora Residents	\$25,000	\$35,000	\$25,000
5	Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry	Hunger Relief and Reducing Food Insecurities Among Youth, Seniors, and	\$25,000	\$35,000	\$20,000
6	VNA Health Care	Improving Access To Health Care for Uninsured Aurora Residents	Did Not Apply - New Applicant	\$35,000	Denied
7	YWCA Metropolitan Chicago	Early Childhood Emergency Fund Project	\$15,000	\$35,000	\$10,000
Subtotal			\$95,000	\$207,000	\$97,500
COMMUNITY					
8	Administer Justice	Aurora Legal Clinic 2024-2025	Denied	\$5,000	\$3,000
9	Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry	Holiday Food Distribution	\$21,000	\$30,000	\$16,500
10	ChallengellChange	Pathway to Home: Creating Meaningful Opporuntinites	Did Not Apply - New Applicant	\$35,000	Denied
11	Collier Community Center	No More Excuses - Providing Essential Items	Denied	\$20,000	Denied
12	Difference Foundation	First Buyer and Investor Group	Did Not Apply - New Applicant	\$450,000	Denied
13	DVSA Communities	Improving Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention, Advocacy and Support	Did Not Apply - New Applicant	\$35,000	Denied
14	Echo Development	Senior Care Program and Youth-Anti-Bullying Program	Denied	\$29,800	Denied
15	Hope for Tomorrow, Inc.	Men's Veteran's Recovery Home Programs (MVRHP)	\$19,000	\$25,000	\$20,000
16	Ladder Up	Tax Assistance Program	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$15,000
17	Lewis Simmons Foundation	Building Strong Blocks Workforce Momentum Project	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$10,000
18	LV Cares Foundation	To Help People Afford Medication	Did Not Apply - New Applicant	\$10,000	Denied
19	OLI Gardens	Sustainable Solutions to Food Insecurity in the Aurora Area	Did Not Apply - New Applicant	\$35,000	\$10,000
20	100 Girls Like Us	You Got This Girl - Girl Mentorship	Denied	\$20,600	Denied
21	Agape Connection	Sankofa School of History, Culture and Creativity	\$11,000	\$29,500	\$12,500
22	African American Men of Unity	Jobs for Youth Internship Program	\$20,000	\$35,000	\$7,500
23	Alive Center NFP	Aurora Teen Drop-in Program	\$11,500	\$24,648	\$15,000
24	Aurora Legion Travel Baseball	2025 Uniforms, Baseballs, and Equipment	Did Not Apply - New Applicant	\$9,000	Denied
25	Aurora Starz Travel Baseball	2025 BBA Aurora Starz Travel Teams	\$3,000	\$15,000	Denied
Subtotal			\$115,500	\$853,548	\$109,500

EDUCATION & YOUTH					
26	Awesome Life Academy	Awesome & Meaningful Work Internship Program	Did Not Apply - New Applicant	\$15,000	Denied
27	Boys Baseball of Aurora	2025 Summer and Fall Seasons	\$2,500	\$25,000	\$10,000
28	Boys & Girls Club of North Central Illinois	After School & Summer Programming	\$7,500	\$35,000	\$35,000
29	Cities In Schools Aurora 2000, Inc.	Comprehensive Services Program	\$290,000	\$63,773	\$63,773
30	Dominican Literacy Center	ESL & Citizenship Program	\$10,000	\$25,461	\$12,500
31	East Aurora School District	Tomcat College and Career Camp Opportunties	Did Not Apply - New Applicant	\$20,000	\$10,000
32	Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley	Make the First Five Count for infants, toddlers and children with development disabilities and delays	Did Not Apply	\$35,000	\$10,000
33	Fox Valley Park District	Sports Saturday	Did Not Apply	\$25,000	\$10,000
34	Fox Valley Special Recreation Association	Therapeutic Recreation Summer Day Camp	\$5,000	\$35,000	\$20,000
35	Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois	Project Opportunity - Serving underserved, at risk of academic failure girls	\$19,000	\$33,900	\$15,000
36	Healthy Hands Family Outreach	Aurora After School - mentoring and social support services	Did Not Apply	\$35,000	Denied
37	Imperfect Angels	Imperfect Angels of Illinois - Aurora Chapter	\$5,000	\$12,500	\$5,000
38	Indian Prairie School District	Granger CARES - No cost after school therapy	Did Not Apply - New Applicant	\$35,000	\$10,000
39	Leaders in Transformational Education	LITE Youth Development	Did Not Apply - New Applicant	\$35,000	\$20,000
40	Marie Wilkinson Child Development Center	Marie Wilkinson Child Care & Youth Before & After School Care	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$15,000
41	Northern Illinois Food Bank	BackPack Program	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
42	Quad County Urban League	The Quad County Urban League's Economic Empowerment Center (Youth and Adult Empowerment)	\$15,000	\$35,000	\$22,500
43	Simply Destinee	S.E.E.D.S. - Support, Educate, Empower, Dance, Sustain	\$15,000	\$35,000	\$15,000
44	Waubensee Community College	Education Support for residents of Aurora seeking to obtain State of Illinois H.S. Diploma	\$10,000	\$25,313	\$10,000
45	Wayside Cross Ministries	UYM's 20205 Academic Support & Learning Enrichment Program	\$14,000	\$35,000	\$15,000
46	Wheatland Athletic Association	Fee Assistance and Scholarship Program for Aurora Residents	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$10,000
47	Wong Center for Education	STEM IGNITION - Fall Term	Did Not Apply - New Applicant	\$35,000	\$10,000
48	World Relief Chicagoland	Refugee and Immigrant Youth Services - Empowering Aurora's Young People to Thrive	\$15,500	\$20,000	\$20,000
49	YMCA of Metro Chicago Aurora	Safe 'n Sound - Youth Recreation Program	Did Not Apply - New Applicant	\$30,000	\$10,000
	Subtotal		\$458,500	\$720,947	\$368,773

		MENTAL HEALTH			
50	Fox Valley Hands of Hope	Grief Counseling	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$12,500
51	Judah Robinson Foundation	Homeless Mental Health Intervention	\$10,000	\$35,000	\$12,500
52	NAMI DuPage	Mental Health Education of Youth	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$12,500
53	NAMI KDK	NAMI Mental Health Service for the City of Aurora	Did Not Apply	\$35,000	\$5,000
54	Sanjeevani4U	Continued Rehabilitation of Survivors and Mental Health Affected Individuals	Denied	\$2,000	Denied
55	Suicide Prevention Services of America dba Stone Manor Counseling	Continuing the Expansion of Suicide Prevention Services	Did Not Apply - New Applicant	\$35,000	\$10,000
	Subtotal		\$30,000	\$147,000	\$52,500
		MUSEUMS			
56	Aurora Regional Fire Museum	Museum Operations	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$35,000
57	Aurora Historical Society	Giving the Past A Future	\$50,000	\$85,000	\$35,000
	Subtotal		\$100,000	\$145,000	\$70,000
		SENIORS			
58	DuPage Senior Citizens Council	Meals on Wheels, Community Dining, and Well-being Check-ins	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
59	Northern Illinois Food Bank	Senior Grocery Program	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
60 & 61	Riverwalk Adult Day Services	Senior Center & Recreational Center Activities	\$9,000	\$20,000	\$15,500
62	Xilin Association	Managing Aging Life	\$19,000	\$35,000	\$20,000
	Subtotal		\$78,000	\$105,000	\$85,500
		SHAPE			
63	Association for Individual Development	Aurora Victim and Outreach Services	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
64	RITAS Ministry	Prisoner Reentry and Opioid outreach	\$22,000	\$35,000	\$27,000
	Subtotal		\$122,000	\$135,000	\$127,000
		Grant Total	\$999,000	\$2,313,495	\$910,773
		Overall Total			\$910,773