

2024 QUALITY OF LIFE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS 1/9/2024 – City of Aurora Funding

BASIC NEEDS

2024 Proposed Quality of Life Project Name		2023 Award	2024 QOL Request	2024 Recommendations
Fox Valley United Way - SPARK	<i>Gateway to Early Childhood</i>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Indian Prairie Educational Foundation	<i>Kid Essentials Program</i>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Loaves and Fishes	<i>Grocery Assistance Program</i>	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry	<i>Reducing Food Insecurity and Improving Quality of Life</i>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
YWCA	<i>Early Childhood Emergency Fund Project</i>	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$15,000
Subtotal		\$95,000	\$130,000	\$94,000

COMMUNITY

2024 Proposed Quality of Life Project Name		2023 Award	2024 QOL Request	2024 Recommendations
Administer Justice	<i>Administer Justice Aurora Legal Clinic</i>	New Applicant	\$5,000	\$0
Aurora Area Crime Stoppers	<i>The Aurora Area Crime Stoppers</i>	New Applicant	\$5,000	\$4,500
Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry	<i>Holiday Food Distribution</i>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$21,000
Collier Community Center	<i>Save Our Youth</i>	New Applicant	\$25,000	\$0
Echo Development Center	<i>Youth Anti-Bullying Program & Senior Care Program</i>	Did not apply last year	\$110,735	\$0
Fox Valley Music Foundation	<i>Big Band Student Jazz Fest</i>	\$12,000	\$44,000	\$0
Fox Valley Special Recreation Foundation	<i>SootheSpace</i>	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$5,000
Fox Valley United Way - ALICE	<i>United for ALICE Poverty Simulator</i>	New Applicant	\$24,000	\$0
Hope for Tomorrow	<i>Homeless Men's & Veteran's Recovery Home Programs</i>	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$19,000
Illinois Tejano Organization	<i>Tejano Fest</i>	New Applicant	\$15,418	\$0
Ladder Up	<i>Tax Income Preparation & Financial Support Services for low-income residents</i>	\$15,000	HOME-ARP Applicant	\$20,000
Lewis Simmons Foundation	<i>Building Strong Blocks Workforce Momentum Project</i>	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$10,000
Subtotal		\$87,000	\$330,153	\$81,000

EDUCATION & YOUTH

2024 Proposed Quality of Life Project Name	2023 Award	2024 QOL Request	2024 Recommendations	
100 Girls Like Us, Inc.	<i>I Believe In Me</i>	New Applicant	\$25,800	\$0
African American Men of Unity	<i>Jobs for Youth Internship Program</i>	\$17,000	CDBG Applicant - \$50,000	\$20,000
Agape	<i>Sankofa Saturday School of History, Culture and Creativity</i>	\$11,500	\$29,500	\$11,000
Alive Center	<i>Teen Initiated Drop-in Program</i>	\$11,500	\$20,000	\$11,500
Aurora Starz	<i>2023 Aurora Starz Teams</i>	\$3,000	\$10,000	\$3,000
Boys Baseball of Aurora	<i>2023 Boys Baseball of Aurora</i>	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$2,500
Boys & Girls Club of Elgin	<i>After-School Youth Development Program</i>	\$10,000	\$50,000	\$7,500
Communities in Schools	<i>CISA Comprehensive Services Program</i>	\$290,000	\$290,000	\$290,000
Dominican Literacy Center	<i>DLC ESL Tutoring and Citizenship Class</i>	Did not apply last year	\$20,000	\$10,000
Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois	<i>Project Opportunity - Aurora</i>	\$15,000	\$49,332	\$19,000
God's Kingdom	<i>Creating New Leaders of Today</i>	New Applicant	\$25,000	\$0
Imperfect Angels	<i>Youth Advancement Program</i>	\$3,000	\$20,000	\$5,000
Marie Wilkinson Child Development Center	<i>Child Care & Youth Before and After School Care</i>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$20,000
Northern Illinois Foodbank	<i>Backpack Program</i>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Quad County Urban League	<i>Economic Empowerment Center</i>	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$15,000
Simply Destinee	<i>SEEDS</i>	\$20,000	\$75,000	\$15,000
The Start Program	<i>3F Program</i>	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$2,500
Three Fires Council, Inc. Boy Scouts of America	<i>Character and Leadership Development Education</i>	New Applicant	\$25,000	\$10,000
Waubonsee Community College	<i>Expanding Access: Empowering Aurora Adult Education Learners</i>	New Applicant	\$25,000	\$10,000
Wayside Cross - Youth Services Program	<i>2023 Urban Youth Ministry</i>	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$14,000
Wheatland Athletic Association	<i>Fee Assistance & Scholarship Program</i>	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$10,000
World Relief	<i>Refugee and Immigrant Youth Services</i>	\$11,800	\$20,000	\$15,500
Subtotal		\$502,800	\$835,832	\$511,000

MENTAL HEALTH

2024 Proposed Quality of Life Project Name		2023 Award	2024 QOL Request	2024 Recommendations
Fox Valley Hands of Hope	<i>Community Grief Counseling</i>	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
Judah Robinson Foundation	<i>Homeless Mental Health Intervention</i>	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$10,000
NAMI DuPage	<i>Remove Barriers & Meet the Service Gap of Mental Health Services</i>	New Applicant	\$25,000	\$10,000
Sanjeevani4U	<i>Remove Barriers & Meet the Service Gap of Mental Health Services</i>	Did not apply last year	\$5,000	\$0
Subtotal		\$20,000	\$65,000	\$30,000

MUSEUMS

2024 Proposed Quality of Life Project Name		2023 Award	2024 QOL Request	2024 Recommendations
Aurora Historical Museum	<i>Aurora Historical Museum</i>	\$62,500	\$85,000	\$50,000
Aurora Regional Fire Museum	<i>Aurora Regional Fire Museum</i>	\$52,500	\$63,000	\$50,000
Subtotal		\$115,000	\$148,000	\$100,000

SENIORS

2024 Proposed Quality of Life Project Name		2023 Award	2024 QOL Request	2024 Recommendations
DuPage Senior Citizens Council	<i>Meals on Wheels, Community Dining, Drive-Thru Food Events, Well-Being Checks</i>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Northern Illinois Foodbank - Senior	<i>Senior Grocery Program</i>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Riverwalk Adult Day Services	<i>Adult Day Care</i>	\$9,000	\$15,000	\$9,000
Xilin	<i>Manage Aging Life</i>	\$15,000	\$40,000	\$19,000
Subtotal		\$74,000	\$105,000	\$78,000

SHAPE

2024 Proposed Quality of Life Project Name		2023 Award	2024 QOL Request	2024 Recommendations
Ritas Ministries	<i>Prisoner Reentry Services</i>	\$22,000	\$25,000	\$23,000
AID Victim Services	<i>Victim & Outreach Services</i>	\$97,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Subtotal		\$119,000	\$125,000	\$123,000

Grand Total		\$1,012,800	\$1,738,985	\$1,017,000
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QOL Funding Sources	Total Funding
CIS Account - 215-1370-440.50-30	\$ 296,000
Museum Account - 215-1360-450.53-26	\$ 119,000
SHAPE Account - 255-3536-421.50-05	\$ 123,000
QOL Open Account - 215-1302-419.53-25	\$ 469,000
Contingency Account - 215-1302-419.50-50	\$ 10,000
Total	\$ 1,017,000