

# Boone County Purchasing

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Boone County Commission  
FROM: Melinda Bobbitt, CPPO, CPPB  
DATE: June 17, 2024  
RE: Award Recommendation from RFP *01-13MAR24 – 2024 Grassroots Funding Opportunity*:

Request for Proposal *01-13MAR24 – 2024 Grassroots Funding Opportunity* closed on March 13, 2024. 15 proposal responses were received. Six programs are being recommended for award and are detailed on the attached.

The evaluation committee consisted of Bob Algur, Lynn Barnett, Rodney Dixon, Greg Grupe, Michele Kennett, Connie Leipard, Dr. Wiley Miller, Leigh Spence, and Sebastian Martinez Valdivia. Attached are the evaluation committee's review sheets.

Invoices will be paid from department 2162 –CSF Program Funding, account 71106 – Contracted Services. The total amount funded from this award is \$359,194.50. 13,500,000.00 is budgeted for 2024.

cc: Proposal File

ATT Evaluation Committee Reports and Score Sheets; Programs Recommended for Award Attachment

**Programs Recommended for Award:**

The six programs recommended for award for the period from date of award through December 31, 2024 with the option for three, one-year renewal periods are as follows:

**Columbia Supreme – *Case Management for At-Risk Youth***

\$30,480

This program is an athletic program for youth. They provide three key elements of programming to the children they serve.

- 1) Youth, mentorship, tutoring and enrichment, including job preparedness for older youth.
- 2) Sport-based Youth Development.
- 3) Case management for high-risk youth.

This funding will be used to provide funding for two part-time case managers (.5 FTE).

**Destiny of H.O.P.E. - *P.E.A.C.E. and H.O.P.E. Center for Youth***

\$79,448.00

This program provides Gang Prevention Programming, Trauma-Informed Recovery Classes, Educational Support for At-Risk Youth and Youth Workforce Development.

**Do Something Right Now, Inc. – *Hogan House Food Pantry and Support Center***

\$74,512.50

This program provides a neighborhood food pantry and support center for residents of Demaret Drive.

**Dream Tree Academy 573 – *Passport to the Arts Program***

\$121,000.00

This program is an arts program to foster creativity and self-expression and includes components aimed at promoting entrepreneurship and financial literacy among youth participants. The program components include music Engineering workshops, poetry sessions, dance classes, entrepreneurship and financial literacy, trips to local museums/galleries.

**Grade A Plus Incorporated – *Family Leader Support***

\$ 29,105.00

This program adds a new line of service to its existing tutoring and youth development program. It adds case management support to family leaders to provide social and emotional well-being support.

**Mid-Missouri Center Project, Inc. – *Expansion of Prism Youth Programming & Resources***

\$24,649.00

The Center Project is Mid-Missouri's only LGBTQIA+ community center that provides a large array of programming and services. Their largest program, Prism, serves youth ages 11-18. This funding will allow the organization to hire a Youth Program Coordinator.

# Columbia Supreme

## Case Management for At-Risk Youth

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2. Does the organization have realistic expectations in implementing the proposed program?	7.00
3. Does the proposed program meet an unmet need of the community and the Children's Services Fund?	8.00
4. Does the organization have a clear way of using potential CSF funds for only statutorily eligible beneficiaries and expenses?	8.00
5. Does the organization demonstrate collaboration with other organizations in the community?	7.50
6. Does the organization's leadership and staff represent the community that it proposes to serve?	9.25
7. Does the organization align geographically with the community it serves?	9.00
8. Does the program offer innovative approaches to intervene in localized issues or problems?	6.50
9. Does the organization provide justification in their best and final offer for the type of program and number to be served?	7.00
<b>Score</b>	<b>70.25</b>
Total Score Range is 9 - 90	

### Strengths

- The organization has been established for some time and continues to grow.
- The organization collaborates with other programs to help benefit the individuals they are serving.
- The director and key staff seem committed to the program and positive outcomes for the children they serve.
- Connecting with students and families through sports is a great way to engage otherwise reluctant students in positive activities and serves a need that is vitally important to the community.
- The program can help kids to focus on healthy activities and improved attendance and academics.
- The proposal is well written and provided clarification to questions.
- The proposal explains how the program can compliment existing programming for the organization.
- The organization explains systems that are in place to ensure funding requirements are met.
- The organization provides transportation through volunteers and has other funding sources which will be used to purchase a van to help eliminate barriers.

### Weaknesses

- The organization seems to have previous financial challenges and could benefit from improved financial management and oversight of program resources.
- The organization does not have a set location for the program.
- Logistics of providing case management to families could be challenging but it does seem that they need more people to meet the more extensive needs of the students.
- Not specifically a weakness, but a consideration is that school attendance and passing grades would be good to include as part of the evaluation process.
- The vision regarding possible or desired outcomes for the program is unclear.
- The budget provided includes salary for coaching staff without clear explanation of how this would be considered an expense for the proposed program.
- There seems to be a very small staff.
- The Board President is also a paid employee and does not indicate that they would adjust roles.

# Freeair Literacy Foundation

## Freeair Kids

	Score
1. Does the organization show readiness for capacity building to deliver quality services to Boone County residents?	2.75
2. Does the organization have realistic expectations in implementing the proposed program?	3.00
3. Does the proposed program meet an unmet need of the community and the Children's Services Fund?	4.50
4. Does the organization have a clear way of using potential CSF funds for only statutorily eligible beneficiaries and expenses?	3.50
5. Does the organization demonstrate collaboration with other organizations in the community?	3.25
6. Does the organization's leadership and staff represent the community that it proposes to serve?	5.25
7. Does the organization align geographically with the community it serves?	5.50
8. Does the program offer innovative approaches to intervene in localized issues or problems?	3.25
9. Does the organization provide justification in their best and final offer for the type of program and number to be served?	2.75
<b>Score</b>	<b>33.75</b>
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### Strengths

- Increasing literacy is an important and admirable goal.
- The organization has access to a lot of books which are provided at no cost to children and youth.
- The organization seems to have good staff available.
- The proposal provided clear information about different aspects of the program.

### Weaknesses

- The organization did not attend the scheduled interview.
- This proposal did not demonstrate any other sources of funding or collaboration with other nonprofit organizations.
- It is unclear if the van described in the proposed program addresses a need in our community with other free book options already available and seems duplicative of the bookmobile services provided by the public library.
- The program does not seem to address root causes around literacy issues.
- The proposal was written in general terms, with implementation and goals of the program fairly vague.
- There seems to be a lack of direct contact with children and youth to be served by this program.
- As a new program currently not working with any individuals, there was no demonstration of partnerships which provided confidence in the demand/feasibility of it.
- The book clubs hours and locations seem unrealistic or inconvenient for families.
- The funding requested seems to directly benefit the publishing company associated with the foundation.
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5. Does the organization demonstrate collaboration with other organizations in the community?	7.00
6. Does the organization's leadership and staff represent the community that it proposes to serve?	8.25
7. Does the organization align geographically with the community it serves?	8.00
8. Does the program offer innovative approaches to intervene in localized issues or problems?	5.00
9. Does the organization provide justification in their best and final offer for the type of program and number to be served?	6.75
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### Strengths

- The organization is established and known in the community for the tutoring services they provide. The organization appears to have funding from other sources.
- The organization demonstrates dedication to providing greatly needed services to the community and successfully serving children in areas which may be underserved.
- Organizational leadership shows efforts to garner a board of directors that can advise and provide oversight.
- Organizational leadership demonstrates ability to talk about their programming and collaborate with other organizations.
- The program seems to have been developed specifically based on needs identified by the organization as an additional layer of support for families which would be more sustainable.

### Weaknesses

- The organization has successfully been funded by other local funders under their Purchase of Service model, so the need for the capacity building aspects of this funding source is unclear.
- Not specifically a weakness, but something to consider is if a partnership could be built with FACE and others to fill the case management role for families.
- The program appears to be spread over a large geographic area, resulting in a need for transportation. This adds a question if there could be a potentially more efficient use of funds if services were focused on a specific area of the community.
- Delivery of services and approaches to involving a greater number and diversity of students seemed to lack innovative strategies.
- It is unclear if this is something parents are requesting and what amount of participation will occur.
- The indirect cost line continues to be a bit confusing.

# Magnificent Melanin Misses

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2. Does the organization have realistic expectations in implementing the proposed program?	3.25
3. Does the proposed program meet an unmet need of the community and the Children's Services Fund?	5.75
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5. Does the organization demonstrate collaboration with other organizations in the community?	3.00
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8. Does the program offer innovative approaches to intervene in localized issues or problems?	3.25
9. Does the organization provide justification in their best and final offer for the type of program and number to be served?	2.75
<b>Score</b>	<b>37.50</b>
Total Score Range is 9 - 90	

### Strengths

- Mentoring is beneficial to young people when done right.
- The program seems to have been developed out of a desire to support youth through mentorship and the director has a good heart to do this work in the community.
- The program currently serves a small group of participants.

### Weaknesses

- The organization did not follow directions when providing the follow up information requested, which may indicate the program is not ready for this type of funding at this time.
- The organization is relatively new.
- It was difficult to get a full understanding of the program without receiving all responses to written clarification.
- The funding request is extremely high.



# Sophia's Helping Hand

## Relieve Hunger Program

	Score
1. Does the organization show readiness for capacity building to deliver quality services to Boone County residents?	5.50
2. Does the organization have realistic expectations in implementing the proposed program?	5.50
3. Does the proposed program meet an unmet need of the community and the Children's Services Fund?	8.25
4. Does the organization have a clear way of using potential CSF funds for only statutorily eligible beneficiaries and expenses?	5.50
5. Does the organization demonstrate collaboration with other organizations in the community?	5.50
6. Does the organization's leadership and staff represent the community that it proposes to serve?	8.50
7. Does the organization align geographically with the community it serves?	8.50
8. Does the program offer innovative approaches to intervene in localized issues or problems?	6.00
9. Does the organization provide justification in their best and final offer for the type of program and number to be served?	5.75
<b>Score</b>	<b>59.00</b>
Total Score Range is 9 - 90	

### Strengths

- The organization has been operating for a while with a limited budget and volunteers.  
It is admirable that this organization appears dedicated to going into communities/neighborhoods to provide food and resources in collaboration with others.
- It appears there is the capacity to expand services.
- Food insecurity is an issue and this proposal helps to address this with a relatively low amount of funding requested which are focused on facility and supply costs rather than salaries.  
The educational component to provide nutritional information to families is a positive piece to the proposal.

### Weaknesses

- The organization did not clearly explain how the Children's Services Fund would not be used for ineligible adults.
- Given the nature of this program, It is not clear how services provided by this program can be tracked even with the described registration process to collect data.
- It is unclear if the Big Bear location is conducive to this effort.
- Aspects of the organizational structure are confusing given there is another business that is also in the same location.
- It is unclear how families are identified for food delivery or access this program.
- There are collaborations noted but no outside funding efforts are indicated in the budget.
- Not specifically a weakness, but a consideration is that service capacity is not unlimited.
- Some program elements discussed as part of the interview related to nutrition education were not originally described in the proposal and the written clarification response lacked details.
- There are existing programs that incorporate healthy eating nutrition education.



# The Heriford House Foundation

## Therapy Has No Limits

	Score
1. Does the organization show readiness for capacity building to deliver quality services to Boone County residents?	6.75
2. Does the organization have realistic expectations in implementing the proposed program?	5.75
3. Does the proposed program meet an unmet need of the community and the Children's Services Fund?	7.00
4. Does the organization have a clear way of using potential CSF funds for only statutorily eligible beneficiaries and expenses?	6.75
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6. Does the organization's leadership and staff represent the community that it proposes to serve?	7.00
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8. Does the program offer innovative approaches to intervene in localized issues or problems?	5.25
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<b>Score</b>	<b>56.75</b>
Total Score Range is 9 - 90	

### Strengths

- A dedicated and enthusiastic organizational leadership seems to have a passion to serve children and families that are financially unable to receive services.
- The Heriford House is an established organization which has been providing services in the community with needed therapist diversity.
- The organization is providing therapy to youth and families, which is always needed.

### Weaknesses

- The blending, yet separateness of The Heriford House Counseling Center and The Heriford House Foundation is confusing. It is unclear how all the requirements of the Children's Services Fund can be met with a shared intake process.
- The budget amounts seem too expensive for what is being proposed.
- The program seems like it would be a better fit under a Purchase of Service model.
- Not specifically a weakness, but a consideration is the need to recognize the limitations of counseling and psychotherapy.
- There are other organizations in the community which are able to provide therapy to those that are uninsured or underinsured.

# Youth Empowerment Collective, Inc.

## Positive Impact Empowerment (females); Bro Code (males)

	Score
1. Does the organization show readiness for capacity building to deliver quality services to Boone County residents?	3.25
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9. Does the organization provide justification in their best and final offer for the type of program and number to be served?	3.25
<b>Score</b>	<b>39.75</b>
Total Score Range is 9 - 90	


### Strengths

- The organization seems to be the brainchild of leadership with dedication and a heartfelt desire for the director to work in this area.
- Organizational leadership seems to demonstrate positive relationships with students at the school where the program currently takes place.
- The organization provides mentoring to youth, which is often beneficial as students need adults who care.
- The organization currently serves several youth.
- The organization seems to be working to develop partnerships to further support this program.

### Weaknesses

- The organization seems to have very little infrastructure in place to make sure the deliverables would be met for the amount of funding requested.
- More specific information about other funding sources was needed.
- The organization appears to only be serving students at one school and has not been in operation for very long.
- It is unclear how long it would take to shift from the existing program format to the one on one mentoring proposed.
- It is unclear if the depth and vision are fully developed beyond an idea into a program which is ready for this type of funding.
- The organization did not participate in either interview that was scheduled for them.
- The organization is not currently recognized as a 501(c)3 and does not meet eligibility for funding at this time.

# Evaluator Signatures

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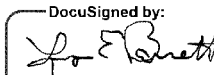
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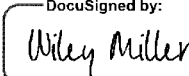
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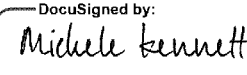
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5. Does the organization demonstrate collaboration with other organizations in the community?	5.25
6. Does the organization's leadership and staff represent the community that it proposes to serve?	7.00
7. Does the organization align geographically with the community it serves?	6.25
8. Does the program offer innovative approaches to intervene in localized issues or problems?	5.25
9. Does the organization provide justification in their best and final offer for the type of program and number to be served?	6.75
<b>Score</b>	<b>56.75</b>
Total Score Range is 9 - 90	

### Strengths

- A dedicated and enthusiastic organizational leadership seems to have a passion to serve children and families that are financially unable to receive services.
- The Heriford House is an established organization which has been providing services in the community with needed therapist diversity.
- The organization is providing therapy to youth and families, which is always needed.

### Weaknesses

- The blending, yet separateness of The Heriford House Counseling Center and The Heriford House Foundation is confusing. It is unclear how all the requirements of the Children's Services Fund can be met with a shared intake process.
- The budget amounts seem too expensive for what is being proposed.
- The program seems like it would be a better fit under a Purchase of Service model.
- Not specifically a weakness, but a consideration is the need to recognize the limitations of counseling and psychotherapy.
- There are other organizations in the community which are able to provide therapy to those that are uninsured or underinsured.

# Youth Empowerment Collective, Inc.

## Positive Impact Empowerment (females); Bro Code (males)

	Score
1. Does the organization show readiness for capacity building to deliver quality services to Boone County residents?	3.25
2. Does the organization have realistic expectations in implementing the proposed program?	3.00
3. Does the proposed program meet an unmet need of the community and the Children's Services Fund?	5.25
4. Does the organization have a clear way of using potential CSF funds for only statutorily eligible beneficiaries and expenses?	5.25
5. Does the organization demonstrate collaboration with other organizations in the community?	3.50
6. Does the organization's leadership and staff represent the community that it proposes to serve?	7.00
7. Does the organization align geographically with the community it serves?	6.50
8. Does the program offer innovative approaches to intervene in localized issues or problems?	2.75
9. Does the organization provide justification in their best and final offer for the type of program and number to be served?	3.25
<b>Score</b>	<b>39.75</b>
Total Score Range is 9 - 90	

### Strengths

- The organization seems to be the brainchild of leadership with dedication and a heartfelt desire for the director to work in this area.
- Organizational leadership seems to demonstrate positive relationships with students at the school where the program currently takes place.
- The organization provides mentoring to youth, which is often beneficial as students need adults who care.
- The organization currently serves several youth.
- The organization seems to be working to develop partnerships to further support this program.

### Weaknesses

- The organization seems to have very little infrastructure in place to make sure the deliverables would be met for the amount of funding requested.
- More specific information about other funding sources was needed.
- The organization appears to only be serving students at one school and has not been in operation for very long.
- It is unclear how long it would take to shift from the existing program format to the one on one mentoring proposed.
- It is unclear if the depth and vision are fully developed beyond an idea into a program which is ready for this type of funding.
- The organization did not participate in either interview that was scheduled for them.
- The organization is not currently recognized as a 501(c)3 and does not meet eligibility for funding at this time.

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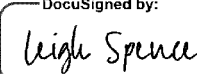
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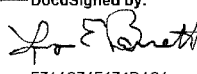
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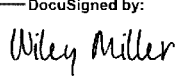
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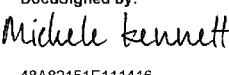
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