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Greene County Commission approves 13 additional CARES Act Relief Fund grants

Today the Greene County Commission reviewed and voted to approve funding for 13 CARES Act Relief Fund applications with allocations of \$455,333.03.

The CARES Act Citizens Advisory Committee - the 30 member volunteer group that was created July 21 –meets in subcommittees to review applications by categories. Once reviewed, the subcommittee recommendations are taken to the full Advisory Council for a vote and then passed to the Greene County Commission for final approval. Applications will continue to be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Information related to the CARES Act funds is being made available on the “CARES Act Relief Fund” tab of greenecountymo.gov. This portion of the website also includes a transparency dashboard that shows the total dollar allotments by category and how much has been approved in those areas. An additional tab on this dashboard shows a list of the entities that have been awarded grants. These graphs will be updated as awards are made.

Below are the funding allocations by category approved today by the Commission:

Small business

- Downtown Springfield Association - \$118,724.00 for payroll, marketing campaign, artist support.
- BookMarx - \$5,000.00 for operations.

Total: \$123,724.00

Nonprofit/community organizations

- Abundant Life Ministries - \$8,745.20 for online services.
- Drew Lewis Foundation - \$30,000 for payroll.
- New Beginning Sanctuary - \$16,749.05 for housing rental assistance.
- Ujima Language & Literacy - \$6,300 for literacy buddies, tutoring and story activities.
- Consumer Credit Counseling - \$64,726 for rental assistance.
- I Pour Life - \$72,623.78 for rent and youth supported services.
- Catholic Charities - \$100,000 for homeless prevention assistance and rapid rehoming.
- OACAC - \$8,070 for technology for in-home client services.
- The Child Advocacy Center - \$8,495 for PPE and training.
- Lake Country Soccer - \$3,400 for PPE and disinfecting.
- Awaken360 - \$12,500 for staffing, equipment and PPE.

Total: \$331,609.03

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Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving more than 275,000 people (2010 census). Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

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