



CRISIS INTERVENTION & PREVENTION SERVICES FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

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Funding Recommendation Considerations

The criteria for funding recommendations is outlined throughout the RFP as well as in other supplemental documents including the Application Instructions and the Proposal Quality Review Criteria. All of these documents were provided to applicants via CDD's funding website and highlighted during the required applicant workshops that they attended. In addition, CDD's commitment to include factors beyond application scores is described in the [Forward Community Investment Funding Process Study Report](#), which was linked in the RFP and also made available on the CDD website. The following is a list of criteria taking into consideration for funding recommendations.



Target population

Programs and services focus on low-income residents, women and those that are Black, indigenous, people of color, immigrants and/or individuals who identify as LGBTQ+. This criteria also includes organizations being connected to or having a history of working with these populations. This criteria applies across the group of applications, rather than just the score or information regarding target population identified in a single application, as CDD seeks to fund programs that have a specific focus on one or more of these identified populations.

Partnerships, Collaborations and Coordination

This criteria centers around the City's efforts to build a comprehensive crisis intervention and prevention support system amongst service providers and other key stakeholders. Partner linkage is critical and recommendations are based upon applicants having existing partnerships or having at least initiated the process of building relationships.



Program Need

Recommended programs are prioritized based on their ability to address critical gaps in services for youth, adults, and families within the community. This includes a focus on areas where services are currently lacking or underserved, particularly for marginalized populations such as low-income residents, and LGBTQIA+ & BIPOC communities. Proposals demonstrated a clear understanding of the community context and provided data to substantiate the need for their services were given priority consideration.

Strength of the proposal

Based on the proposal criteria table, which was outlined in the RFP on page 14, and the Proposal Quality Review Criteria. Proposal score was not the determining factor, nor was it written anywhere in the RFP materials that funding would be awarded solely based on scores.

Collaborative Foundations for Community Impact

Recognizing the importance of collaboration, CDD established a Resource Service Facilitation Cohort, bringing together funded agencies to build trust, share knowledge, and problem-solve across organizational lines. Feedback from this cohort highlighted the value of interconnected services and the need for continued investment in coordinated, community-driven responses.

Additional input was gathered through:

- Program reports and site visits
- 2025 Community Voice Survey
- Feedback from the Madison Metropolitan School District, Public Health Madison & Dane County, Madison Police Department, and Dane County Human Services.

This community-informed approach reinforced that no single agency can address the complex and intersecting needs of youth, adults, and families in crisis. Instead, it underscored the importance of strong partnerships, cultural responsiveness, and prevention strategies grounded in lived experience.

The lessons learned through this process informed the development of the 2025 Crisis Intervention and Prevention (CIP) RFP and continue to guide funding recommendations that reflect the City's commitment to:

- Addressing gender-based violence and youth crisis through trauma-informed services
- Preventing future crises by strengthening protective factors and community cohesion
- Supporting organizations led by and accountable to the communities they serve

Funding Recommendations

CDD's recommendations include funding 24 of the 32 agencies that applied, 10 of which are new programs to CDD's Crisis Intervention and Prevention portfolio. Of those recommended for funding, 15 are led by and serve people of color and other marginalized populations. These recommendations reflect CDD's continued commitment to advancing equitable access to crisis



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response and prevention services. Funding decisions were guided by alignment with community-identified needs, demonstrated impact, organizational capacity, and the City's priority to invest in programs that are culturally responsive and grounded in lived experience.

Agency	Program Name	Current Funding	Funding Request	Funding Recommendation
African Center for Community Development	Bantaba Family		\$25,000	\$25,000
Allied Wellness Center for Community Development	Teens Taking Charge		\$34,739	\$20,000
Allied Wellness Center for Community Development	Community Health Workers: Partners in Health	\$70,000	\$109,221	\$73,000
ARC Community Services	Project Respect	\$58,000	\$59,740	\$59,000
Bayview Community Center	Youth Restoration and Community Building	\$30,000	\$45,000	\$32,000
Bayview Community Center	Family Support	\$20,000	\$45,000	\$25,000
Bridge Lake Point Waunona Neighborhood Center	Family Resource Center	\$22,000	\$125,000	\$25,000
Briarpatch Youth Services	Runaway and Homeless Youth	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Briarpatch Youth Services	YouthBridge 608		\$40,000	\$40,000
Briarpatch Youth Services	Youth Shelter Operations Program	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000
Domestic Abuse Intervention Services	Shelter Program	\$299,354	\$374,517	\$315,000
East Madison Community Center	Holistic Organization of Partners for Economic Stability (HOPES)		\$120,000	\$25,000
Freedom Inc	Family Strengthening	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$79,000
GSafe <i>Joint Applicant: Forward Learning Youth & Young Adults</i>	Elevate		\$160,970	\$25,000
JustDane <i>Joint Applicant: Centro Hispano</i>	Intervention Services for Legal System Impacted Individuals and Families	\$301,000	\$450,000	\$315,000

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Kennedy Heights Community Center	Fostering Restorative and Healthy Neighborhood Culture		\$40,000	\$35,000
Literacy Network	Community English Program	\$44,310	\$100,000	\$45,000
Lussier Community Center	Community Cultivation and Access Program		\$109,584	\$25,000
Meadowood Health Partnership	Crisis Intervention and Prevention		\$85,000	\$30,000
Mentoring Positives	Positive Path		\$30,000	\$25,000
Neighborhood House Community Center	Community Support Program		\$20,000	\$20,000
Northside Planning Council	Strengthening Northside Neighborhoods	\$65,000	\$80,500	\$67,000
RCC: Sexual Violence Resource Center <i>Joint Applicant: UNIDOS</i>	24-Hour Helpline	\$178,567 (RCC: \$103,567; UNIDOS: \$75,000)	\$250,000	\$190,000
RCC: Sexual Violence Resource Center <i>Joint Applicant: UNIDOS</i>	Community and Stabilization Program		\$105,065	\$20,000
Roots4Change	Community-Based Doula's		\$60,000	\$30,000
The Rainbow Project	Rainbow Response Team	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
The Rainbow Project	Community-Based Individual and Family Support Program	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Vera Court Neighborhood Center	Family Resource Center	\$22,000	\$100,000	\$25,000
Worker Justice Wisconsin <i>Joint Applicant: Voces de la Frontera</i>	Know Your Rights, Educate Your Community	\$10,000	\$150,000	\$25,000
YWCA Madison	YW Transit Program	\$74,548	\$95,000	\$80,000
YWCA Madison	Youth Restorative Justice Circle Keepers	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
YWCA Madison	Third Street Program	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
TOTAL		\$1,674,779.00	\$3,324,336.00	\$2,080,000.00



Crisis Intervention Support Services:

Programs in this area provide direct, time-sensitive crisis response to individuals and families experiencing immediate threats to safety or stability. The two program types within Crisis Intervention Support Services are:

24/7 Crisis Helplines, which respond to gender-based violence incidents via phone, online, text, or in person.

Short-Term Shelter Services, which provide safe, temporary housing for survivors of domestic violence or youth without safe housing alternatives.

Funding Recommendations for 24/7 Crisis Helplines

The following themes reflect key considerations that informed funding recommendations based on a comprehensive review of program proposals and supporting data.

Direct crisis response: Demonstrated capacity to provide immediate, time-sensitive intervention and support for individuals and families facing imminent threats to safety or stability.

Population focus: Prioritizes survivors of gender-based violence, including domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, and youth or young adults experiencing homelessness, unsafe housing, or family rejection.

Essential community role: Plays a vital role in the City's crisis response network by offering safety, stability, and trauma-informed care during moments of acute crisis.

Alignment with RFP: Strong alignment with RFP priorities, demonstrating a clear understanding of crisis response needs and the importance of providing immediate, trauma-informed support to individuals and families in unsafe or unstable situations.

Agency	Program Name	Justification for recommendation
Briarpatch Youth Services	Runaway and Homeless Youth	A long-standing and trusted service provider with a proven record of delivering critical, around-the-clock crisis support. The program continues to meet an essential and unique community need, remaining the only service of its kind in Madison for runaway and homeless youth.
RCC: Sexual Violence Resource Center Joint Applicant: UNIDOS	24-Hour Helpline	A strong and collaborative partnership between two established service providers, RCC and UNIDOS, that leverages shared resources and expertise while maintaining culturally distinct services. Their joint 24-hour helpline ensures survivors of sexual and domestic violence have



		continuous, trauma-informed access to crisis response in multiple languages.
The Rainbow Project	Rainbow Response Team	Addresses a critical community need by providing trauma-informed crisis response and stabilization services for children and families experiencing acute distress. The program remains an essential resource in Madison's continuum of crisis response, offering specialized support not available elsewhere.

Funding Recommendations for Short-Term Shelter Services

The following themes reflect key considerations that informed funding recommendations based on a comprehensive review of program proposals and supporting data.

Immediate safety and stabilization: Demonstrated ability to provide safe, short-term housing and supportive services for individuals and families escaping domestic violence or experiencing housing instability.

Trauma-informed care: Programs deliver compassionate, survivor-centered support that prioritizes safety, emotional well-being, and connection to long-term stability resources.

Population focus: Serves survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, as well as youth and young adults without safe housing alternatives.

Alignment with RFP: Strong alignment with RFP priorities, demonstrating a clear understanding of the complex housing and safety needs of individuals in crisis and a commitment to equity and culturally responsive service delivery.

Essential community role: Plays a vital role in Madison's crisis response system, ensuring that survivors and youth have access to immediate shelter and coordinated wraparound support.

Agency	Program Name	Justification for recommendation
Briarpatch Youth Services	Youth Shelter Operations Program	A long-standing and trusted service provider with a proven record of supporting youth experiencing homelessness or unsafe housing situations. As the only program of its kind in Madison, Briarpatch provides essential short-term shelter and crisis stabilization for runaway and homeless youth, helping them reconnect with family or access safe, supportive alternatives.

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Domestic Abuse Intervention Services	Shelter Program	The only domestic violence shelter in Dane County, DAIS provides lifesaving emergency shelter and comprehensive support services for individuals and families escaping gender-based violence.
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Prevention Services and Activities

This funding area focuses on upstream, community-rooted strategies that promote long-term safety, equity, and well-being for individuals, families, and neighborhoods. The two program types within Prevention Services and Activities are:

- **Community-Based Individual and Family Support:** Provides trauma-informed, coordinated assistance to help individuals and families meet immediate needs, stabilize housing, access services, and build pathways toward lasting well-being.
- **Building Community and Stabilization:** Supports group- and community-wide efforts that strengthen protective factors, promote healing, and reduce the likelihood of crisis—particularly within communities disproportionately affected by poverty and systemic inequities.

Funding Recommendations for Community-Based Individual/Family Support

The following themes reflect key considerations that informed funding recommendations based on a comprehensive review of program proposals and supporting data.

Holistic support: Programs emphasize coordinated, trauma-informed assistance that addresses both immediate needs and long-term stability for individuals and families recovering from crisis or vulnerability.

Culturally responsive services: Funded agencies demonstrate deep community connections and the ability to deliver services grounded in cultural relevance, language access, and trust-building with marginalized populations.

Prevention and empowerment: Programs move beyond crisis response by equipping individuals and families with the tools, knowledge, and networks needed to prevent future instability and build self-sufficiency.

Alignment with RFP: Strong alignment with City priorities to promote equity, safety, and well-being through community-based, person-centered approaches that reduce barriers to opportunity.

Agency	Program Name	Justification for recommendation
Allied Wellness Center for Community Development	Community Health Workers: Partners in Health	Demonstrated program growth, strong performance, and active participation in City-led collaboration efforts reflect the agency's

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		continued commitment to meeting community needs.
ARC Community Services	Project Respect	Offers a unique and essential program supporting survivors of sexual exploitation and trafficking. The agency's expertise and leadership have helped shape a well-connected local response system,
Bayview Community Center	Family Support	With the recent redevelopment of Bayview's housing campus, the agency has experienced a significant increase in new residents and continues to play a central role in helping families build stability and connection. Continued funding supports Bayview's capacity to meet growing community needs through culturally responsive, family-centered services.
Bridge Lake Point Waunona Neighborhood Center	Family Resource Center	Demonstrates strong organizational performance, community trust, and alignment with City priorities to support family stability and well-being. Continued investment will sustain this reliable neighborhood anchor in delivering prevention and support to families.
Freedom Inc	Family Strengthening	Provides culturally and linguistically specific services for Southeast Asian and Black LGBTQ+ communities, populations that are uniquely underserved in Madison.
JustDane Joint Applicant: <i>Centro Hispano</i>	Intervention Services for Legal System Impacted Individuals and Families	Continues to fill a critical service gap for individuals and families impacted by the criminal legal system. The agency's collaborative model brings together partners to provide coordinated reentry and stabilization services that promote healing, reduce recidivism, and strengthen family and community connections.
Meadowood Health Partnership	Crisis Intervention and Prevention	Meadowood Health Partnership expands access to community-based health and wellness supports in an area of Madison with high need. Funding strengthens place-based prevention efforts across the Balsam/Russet, Hammersley/Theresa Terrace, and Park Edge/Park Ridge neighborhoods.

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RCC: Sexual Violence Resource Center Joint Applicant: UNIDOS	Community and Stabilization Program	Brings together two well-established agencies with complementary expertise to expand access to trauma-informed, multilingual services for survivors of sexual and domestic violence.
Roots4Change	Community-Based Doulas	Culturally grounded, community-based approach to maternal and family health through its doula program. By providing trusted perinatal and postpartum support to Latinx and immigrant women, the agency helps reduce disparities in birth outcomes and strengthens family well-being.
The Rainbow Project	Community-Based Individual and Family Support Program	Provides trauma-informed therapeutic and stabilization services that have demonstrated success in supporting children and families experiencing crisis or adversity.
Vera Court Neighborhood Center	Family Resource Center	Serves as a vital community hub, providing accessible family support and connection to essential resources for northside residents.
YWCA Madison	Third Street Program	Amid ongoing housing challenges, remains a critical resource for young mothers with children under five who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Funding Recommendations for Building Community and Stabilization

The following themes reflect key considerations that informed funding recommendations based on a comprehensive review of program proposals and supporting data.

Community connection and resilience: Programs in this area strengthen neighborhood networks, social cohesion, and collective well-being through activities that build trust, belonging, and shared responsibility.

Prevention through engagement: Funded agencies emphasize early intervention and community-building strategies that reduce risk factors associated with violence, poverty, and crisis, especially within communities historically impacted by systemic inequities.

Youth and family empowerment: Many initiatives focus on engaging youth, families, and community leaders in positive, skill-building opportunities that foster leadership, conflict resolution, and pathways to stability.

Culturally grounded approaches: Programs demonstrate strong cultural alignment with the populations they serve, incorporating language access, representation, and practices rooted in lived experience and community identity.



Alignment with RFP: Recommended programs clearly align with the City's prevention and equity priorities by addressing root causes of instability and promoting collective resilience across neighborhoods.

Essential role in prevention continuum: Collectively, these programs extend Madison's crisis prevention network beyond individual support, building stronger, more connected, and self-sustaining communities.

Agency	Program Name	Justification for recommendation
African Center for Community Development	Bantaba Family	Provides culturally and linguistically specific support to Madison's African immigrant communities. The organization is well established and trusted both within the community and among partner agencies. Funding will help sustain the organization's ongoing efforts and strengthen its capacity to serve Madison's African immigrant community.
Allied Wellness Center for Community Development	Teens Taking Charge	Provides meaningful leadership and empowerment opportunities for youth, helping them build confidence, develop life skills, and engage in positive community involvement. The program sustains an impactful, youth-centered initiative that promotes prevention, leadership development, and community connection.
Bayview Community Center	Youth Restoration and Community Building	Serves as a cornerstone for youth engagement and community connection within one of Madison's most diverse neighborhoods.
Briarpatch Youth Services	YouthBridge 608	Demonstrates strong organizational capacity and a well-established presence in providing crisis intervention and support for youth experiencing homelessness, family conflict, and instability.
East Madison Community Center	Holistic Organization of Partners for Economic Stability (HOPES)	Serves as a vital neighborhood hub offering accessible resources, connection, and support for residents on Madison's east side. As the surrounding population continues to grow, the need for expanded programming and community-building opportunities has increased. This new initiative strengthens the Center's role in fostering inclusion, stability, and engagement among neighborhood residents.

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GSafe Joint Applicant: <i>Forward Learning Youth & Young Adults (FLYY)</i>	Elevate	Provides affirming and culturally responsive support for LGBTQ+ BIPOC youth and families, an area of service not offered by any other local agency. This new initiative expands access to identity-affirming mental health and community-building resources, addressing a critical gap in Madison's prevention and stabilization network.
Kennedy Heights Community Center	Fostering Restorative and Healthy Neighborhood Culture	Serves as the primary neighborhood resource for families in Madison's Northside area, offering consistent support and access to essential services.
Literacy Network	Community English Program	Strong and effective program providing accessible English language instruction for adults including immigrants, returning citizens, and individuals preparing to reenter school.
Lussier Community Center	Community Cultivation and Access Program	Builds community resilience by increasing access to healthy food, supporting environmental stewardship, and creating inclusive spaces for collaboration. This work aligns with prevention and stabilization priorities by promoting health, equity, and community engagement.
Mentoring Positives	Positive Path	Delivers community-based mentoring and family support for Black youth and their families in the Darbo-Worthington neighborhood. Support for this initiative helps sustain prevention and empowerment efforts within a neighborhood experiencing concentrated need.
Neighborhood House Community Center	Community Support Program	Expands the Center's capacity to meet growing neighborhood needs and sustain essential services for children, families, and older adults.
Northside Planning Council	Strengthening Northside Neighborhoods	Serves as a vital connector, facilitator, and advocate for residents and organizations across Madison's Northside. Through community organizing, information sharing, and resource coordination, the Council strengthens neighborhood networks and enhances individual and community well-being. As the city's last remaining planning

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		council, its role is essential in maintaining strong civic engagement, coordination, and protective factors that promote stability and resilience.
Worker Justice Wisconsin Joint Applicant: <i>Voces de la Frontera</i>	Know Your Rights, Educate Your Community	Provides essential education and advocacy to ensure that low-wage and immigrant workers understand their rights and can access fair treatment in the workplace.
YWCA Madison	YW Transit Program	Provides critical transportation services for individuals and families connecting them to employment, education, and essential resources. The Transit Program removes a significant barrier to stability and self-sufficiency, ensuring that residents can access opportunities that support their long-term well-being.
YWCA Madison	Youth Restorative Justice Circle Keepers	Demonstrates strong leadership in restorative justice practices, providing meaningful opportunities for healing, accountability, and positive growth. Represents a core component of community-based approaches to conflict resolution and youth development.