

Grants provide assistance to Portage residents in need

The City of Portage has awarded annual grants for over 20 years to human service agencies that provide housing, food, clothing and other critical assistance to Portage citizens in need. As part of this long standing partnership with local agencies, the FY 2017-18 Budget includes grants from the General Fund and the Community Development Block Grant Fund for the following activities:

Community Partner Agency	Grant Award	Services to Portage Residents	Agency Website
Portage Community Center	\$124,314 ¹	Youth development, health care, education and supportive services. Emergency Assistance programs include: food pantry and holiday food baskets, free clothing, and financial assistance. Transportation assistance and youth recreation scholarships are also available.	www.portagecommunitycenter.org
Housing Resources, Inc.	\$21,150	Housing assessment, homelessness prevention, emergency shelter and permanent supportive housing for families and children.	www.housingresourcesinc.org
YWCA	\$12,029	Emergency support (24-hour hotline), counseling and shelter for victims of domestic assault and/or sexual assault.	www.ywcakalamazoo.org
Catholic Charities	\$12,100	Emergency support, counseling, shelter and outreach for homeless and at-risk youth at the ARK Shelter and Community Services program.	www.ccdok.org
Gryphon Place	\$2,700	2-1-1 Information and Referral, 24-hour hotline.	www.gryphon.org
Twelve Baskets	\$1,800	Food pantry and supportive human service programs.	www.twelvebaskets.info
Lending Hands	\$1,700	Medical equipment loan program for persons with disabilities.	www.lendinghandsmi.org
Goodwill Industries	\$1,550	Tax counseling and preparation services.	www.goodwill.org
Kalamazoo Literacy Council	\$1,000	Literacy instructional books and supplies.	www.kalamazooliteracy.org

¹\$85,351 from the General Fund, plus \$38,963 from the Community Development Block Grant Fund

For additional information regarding the services provided by these agencies, please contact the Department of Community Development at 329-4477, or visit the links to these partner agencies provided in the table above.