

# City Grants Provide Human Services Assistance to Portage Residents in Need

For more than 20 years, the City of Portage has awarded annual grants to human service agencies. These grants provide housing, food, clothing and other critical assistance to Portage citizens in need.

As part of these long-standing partnerships with local agencies, the City of Portage Fiscal



Year 2021-2022 Budget includes grants from the General Fund and the Community Development Block Grant Fund for the activities noted in the table below.

For additional information about the services provided by these agencies, please contact the Department of Community Development at 329-4477, or visit the websites of our partner agencies in the table.

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Human Services Grants			
Community Partner Agency	Amount	Services to Portage Residents	Website
Portage Community Center	\$120,482 <sup>1</sup>	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 also available.	<a href="http://portagecommunitycenter.org">portagecommunitycenter.org</a>
Housing Resources, Inc.	\$29,000	Housing assessment, homelessness prevention, and permanent supportive housing for families and children.	<a href="http://housingresourcesinc.org">housingresourcesinc.org</a>
YWCA	\$19,000	Emergency support (24-hour hot-line), counseling and shelter for victims of domestic assault and/or sexual assault.	<a href="http://ywcakalamazoo.org">ywcakalamazoo.org</a>
Catholic Charities	\$17,000	Emergency support, counseling, shelter and outreach for homeless and at-risk youth at the ARK Shelter and Community Services program.	<a href="http://ccdok.org">ccdok.org</a>
Gryphon Place	\$3,700	2-1-1 Information and Referral, 24-hour hot-line.	<a href="http://gryphon.org">gryphon.org</a>
Lending Hands	\$5,000	Medical equipment loan program for persons with disabilities.	<a href="http://lendinghandsmi.org">lendinghandsmi.org</a>
Kalamazoo Literacy Council	\$2,750	Literacy instructional books and supplies.	<a href="http://kalamazooliteracy.org">kalamazooliteracy.org</a>
Twelve Baskets	\$10,093	Food pantry.	<a href="http://twelve-baskets.org">twelve-baskets.org</a>
Community Healing Centers	\$10,000	Youth counseling services and case management.	<a href="http://communityhealingcenter.org">communityhealingcenter.org</a>

<sup>1</sup> \$82,207 from the General Fund, plus \$38,275 from the Community Development Block Grant Fund