



KENT COUNTY LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD

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MINUTES

Kent County Local Board Meeting

February 19nd, 2026

9:30 am – 11:00 am

Hybrid on [Teams](#) and KCLMB Office at 400 High St.

Attendance: Lauren Searce, Vandrick Hamlin, Zita Seals, Claudia Wayne, Shelley Heller, Shelly Neal-Edwards, Sherrie Young-Hackett, Sarah Fegan, Carla Thorpe, Sue Berman, Julie Gill, Jill Coleman
Absent: Brandy Barrett, Chenelle Pettiford
Guests/Staff: Tobi Brown, Rosie Ramsey Granillo, Kara Wehmueller, Cherie Patchett, Nikki Strong

The Board convened at 9:30 and reviewed the agenda.

CRRF Awards

The Board reviewed and discussed the recommended award levels for the large CRRF grants. Claudia Wayne motioned to approve the recommended amounts. Vandrick Hamlin seconded. All approved.

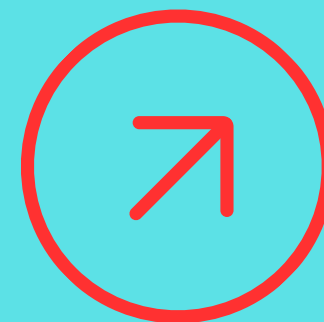
Lauren Searce moved to approve funding all five small grant applications. Julie Gill seconded. All approved.

FY2027 Programs

The Board reviewed the FY26 funding levels for CCIF-funded programs and three possible scenarios for FY27. After discussion, Zita Seals moved to approve Scenario 3 with Board recommended changes. Lauren Searce seconded. All approved.

Next Meeting Date:
Thurs. May 21st

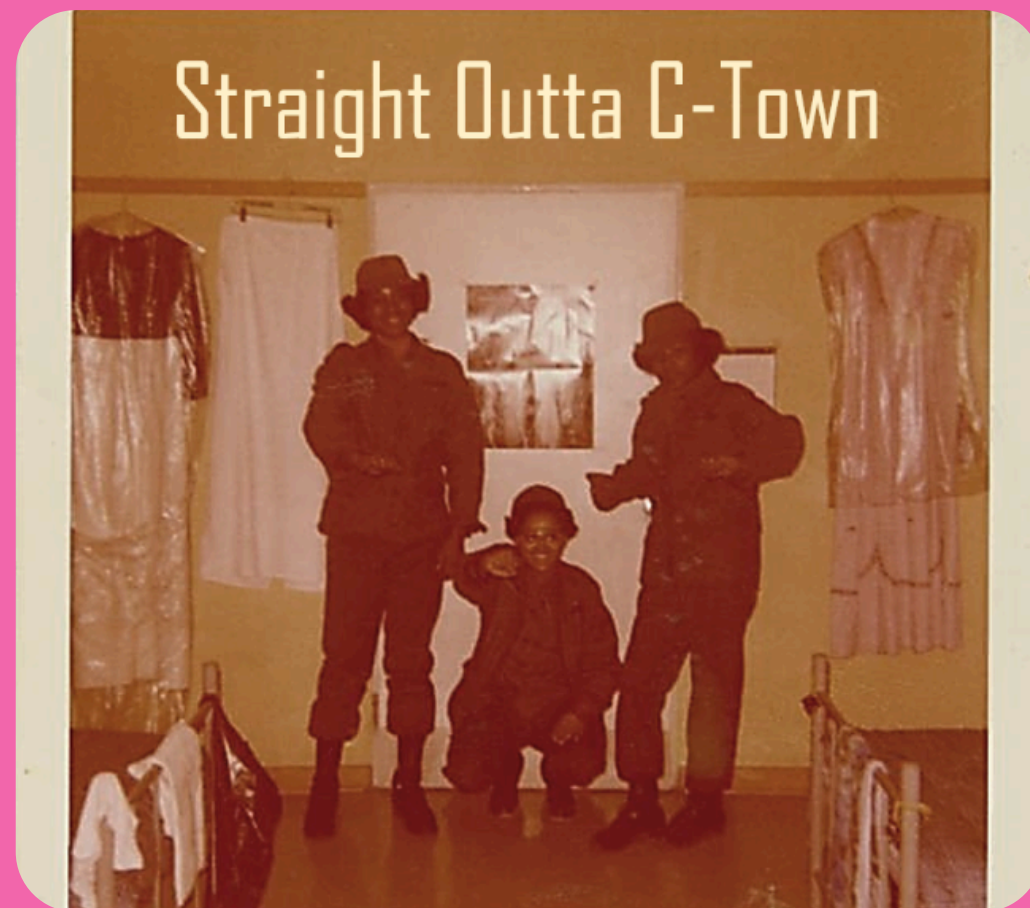
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Where we are:



*** Approve Community Reinvestment and Repair awards**

*** Set FY27 Childrens Cabinet funding strategy**

*** Building Community Anew Action Plans and
Volunteer Network Update**

Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund Large Grant Applications

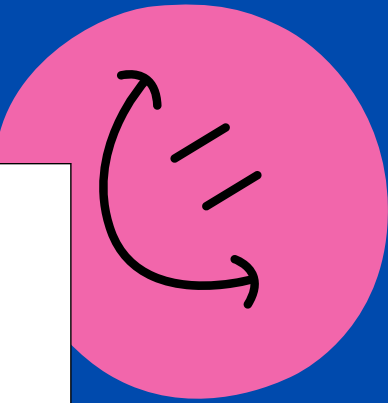


Horizons of Kent and Queen	Support to Expand Horizons' Capacity in Kent County	37,500
Rebuilding Together Eastern	Safe & Healthy Homes	20,000
Washington College - Starr	Hip Hop Time Capsule	19,635
Minary's Dream Alliance	Infrastructure and Transportation Enhancement: Bathrooms, Electric, Washer/Dryer, Mini-Bus Repairs	32,126
Community Mediation Upper Shore	Peacemaking in Our Public Schools with Community Mediation	20,000
Kent County Public Schools	Routes to Readiness: Expanding Access to Judy Center Programming: Garnet, Galena, Rock Hall	15,000
Sultana Education Foundation	Water Safety & Exploration Experiences for Kent County	7,500
United Covenant Union	Domestic Workforce Development Project: cleaning stipends, rides reimbursements, and childcare licensing	18,500
Kent County Public Schools	Middle School After-School Transportation	89,515
Washington College GIS	GIS Competency-Based Workforce Training	20,000
Washington College GIS	Housing, Food, Service Data Dashboard and Asset Map for Kent County	20,000
		\$299,776.00

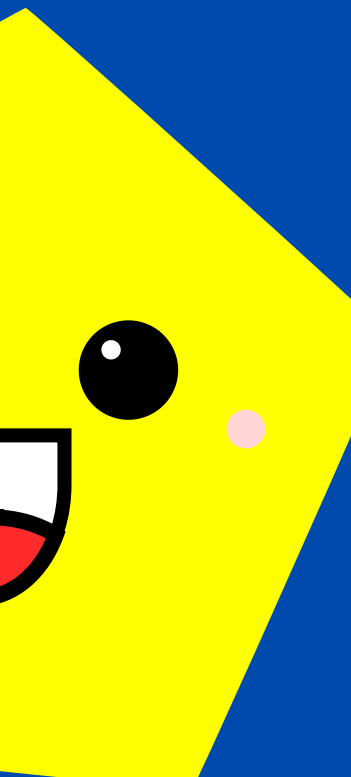


Disbursement		
	Scenario	
Horizons of Kent and Queen Anne's	15,000.00	Expand by 6 students
Rebuilding Together Eastern Shore	10,000.00	Half
Washington College - Starr Center	10,000.00	CCIF will be funding 8 interns, this could add another 7
Minary's Dream Alliance	14,126.00	Minus mini bus repairs and upstairs bathroom updates
Community Mediation Upper Shore	14,900.00	Only covers match for Americorp position
Kent County Public Schools	5,000.00	Transportation for Garnet only
Sultana Education Foundation	2,000.00	Minus salary line item
United Covenant Union	12,250.00	Minus Pastor Curly’s hrs to provide childcare licensing training and reduce transportation line by half
Kent County Public Schools	17,164.00	Current school year only - can consider FY27 CCIF and/or FY27 CRRF
WAC GIS Program - Training		
WAC GIS Program - Dashboard		ENOUGH or Housing Study funds?
	\$100,440.00	

Small Grant Applications



Applicant Name	Project Title	Grant Request
Big Mixx's	Youth Barbering Apprenticeship Program	\$4,000
Citizens Against Smoking Tobacco (CAST)	Shining in Excellence: Culture, Confidence, and Creativity (Zita pls recuse)	\$4,000
Kent Attainable Housing	Financial Literacy & Homeowners Program	\$4,000
Open Doors Partners for Education	Increasing Literacy in Kent County	\$4,000
Voice of Reason	Workforce Readiness & Family Reintegration Support for Families Impacted by Incarceration	\$4,000
TOTAL		\$20,000



FINAL GOALS

Housing, Economic Mobility, and Education

**1 BUILD MORE
HOUSING AND
SUPPORT RENTERS**

**2 BOOST LOCAL
TRADES AND
CAREER TRAINING**

**3 CREATE SAFE,
SUPPORTIVE, AND
HEALTHY SCHOOL
ENVIRONMENTS**

**4 EXPAND AFTERSCHOOL,
SUMMER, AND WEEKEND
ENRICHMENT FOR ALL
AGES**

**5 GROW OUR LOCAL
ECONOMY WITH
BUSINESSES WE
ACTUALLY NEED**

**6 SUPPORT STUDENTS
AND FAMILIES OF ALL
CULTURES, LANGUAGES,
AND ABILITIES**

FY2026-FY2028 Prioritized Indicators

1

**HIGH QUALITY
CHILDCARE AND
EDUCATION**

2

**HEALTHY
FAMILIES**

3

**ECONOMICALLY
SECURE FAMILIES**

4

**SAFE AND
THRIVING
COMMUNITIES**

**Chronic
Absenteeism**

- Middle School
- High School

**Anxiety and
Depression**

- High School
- Middle School

Child Poverty

- ALICE Households

Student Homelessness

Bullied Students

Low Birth Weight

CTE completion

Eviction Hearings

**Library Card
holders/usage**

**Rent burdened
households**

Current Program Aligned with ENOUGH

1 HIGH QUALITY
CHILDCARE AND
EDUCATION

2 HEALTHY
FAMILIES

3 ECONOMICALLY
SECURE FAMILIES

4 SAFE AND
THRIVING
COMMUNITIES

**Student
Behavioral Health**
Beyond Your Mental

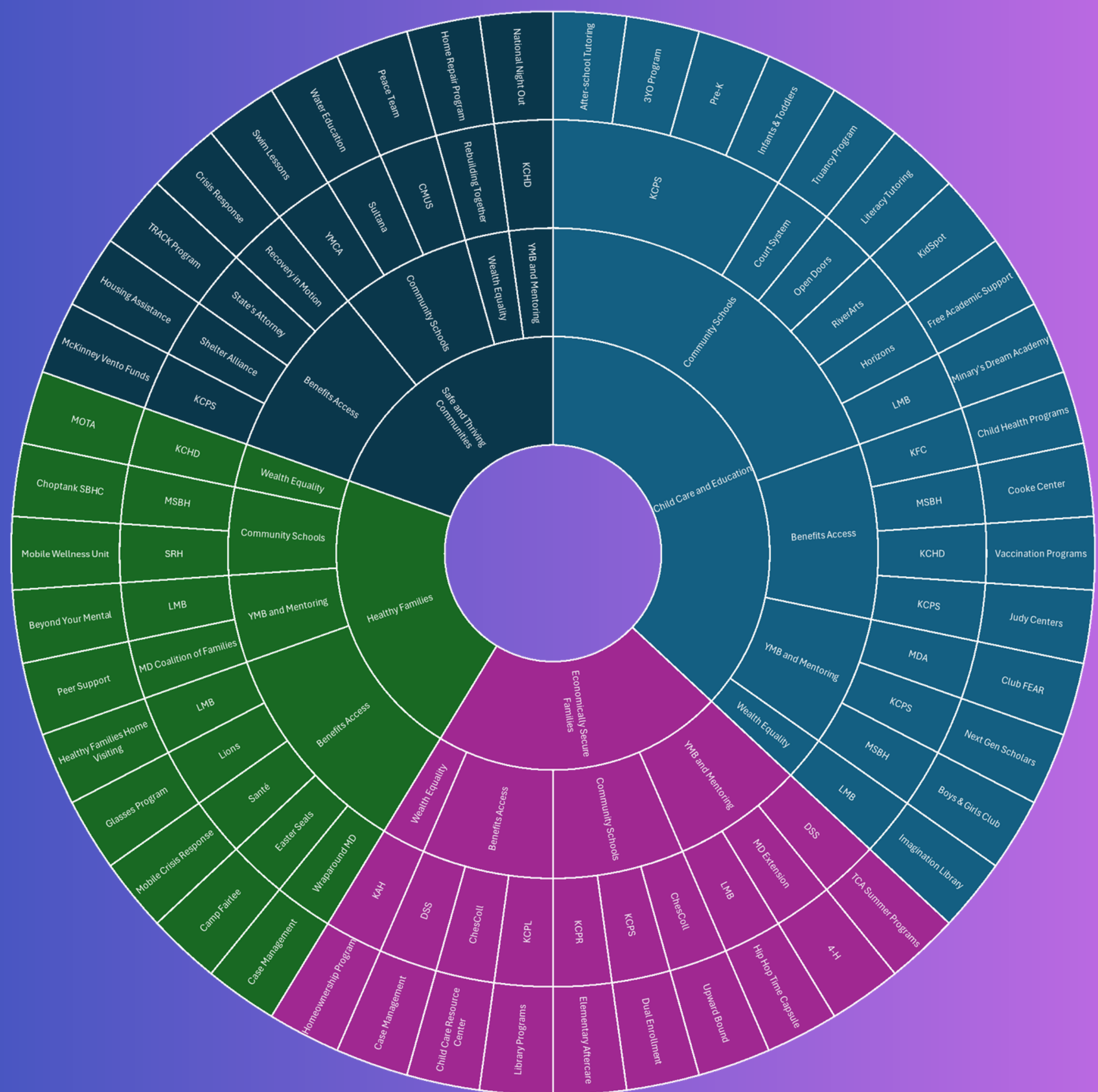
**Healthy Families
Home Visiting**

**Big Brothers
Big Sisters**

KCMS Afterschool
Minary's Dream Academy

Hip Hop Time Capsule

By ENOUGH Pillar
& NOFA Community
Support Category
& Organization
& Program



Kent County Programs Aligned with ENOUGH & CCIF NOFA



1 HIGH QUALITY
CHILDCARE AND
EDUCATION

2 HEALTHY
FAMILIES

3 ECONOMICALLY
SECURE FAMILIES

4 SAFE AND
THRIVING
COMMUNITIES

**IMPROVING
BENEFITS ACCESS**

JUDY CENTERS
KCHD VACCINATION PROGRAMS
MSBH COOKE CENTER
KENT FAMILY CENTER

HF HOME VISITING
LIONS CLUB FREE GLASSES
SANTÉ MOBILE CRISIS
EASTER SEALS CAMP FAIRLEE
WRAPAROUND MD

CHILD CARE RESOURCE CENTER
KCPL PROGRAMS
DSS CASE MANAGEMENT

RECOVERY IN MOTION
SA TRACK PROGRAM
SHELTER ALLIANCE
MCKINNEY VENTO FUNDS

**STRENGTHENING
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS**

MINARY'S DREAM ACADEMY
INFANTS & TODDLERS
PRE-K, 3YO PROGRAM
AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING
HORIZONS, KIDSPOT
OPEN DOORS, TRUANCY

CHOPTANK SBHC
SRH MOBILE WELLNESS

P&R ELEMENTARY AFTERCARE
DUAL ENROLLMENT
UPWARD BOUND

CMUS PEACE TEAM
SULTANA
YMCA

**ADVANCING YMB &
COMMUNITY-BASED
MENTORING**

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
NEXT GEN SCHOLARS
CLUB FEAR

BEYOND YOUR MENTAL
MD COALITION OF FAMILIES

HIP HOP TIME CAPSULE
4-H
TCA SUMMER PROGRAM(DSS)

National Night Out

**CLOSING THE RACIAL
WEALTH GAP**

IMAGINATION LIBRARY

KCHD MOTA/Disparities

KENT ATTAINABLE HOUSING

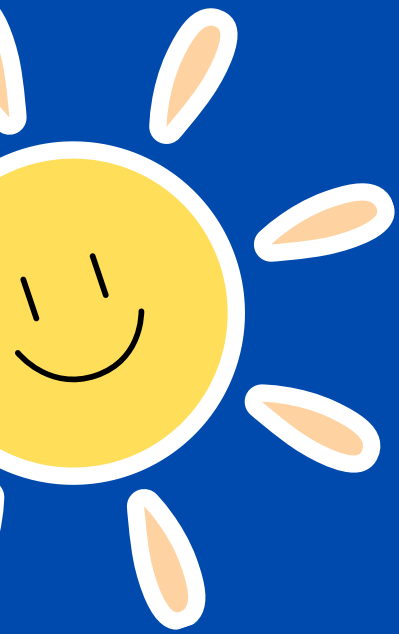
REBUILDING TOGETHER

After school?

STAY AND STRENGTHEN? RELEASE RFP TO SUPPORT
COMMUNITY SCHOOL (KCMS) AND OUR ENOUGH (KNOCK!)
EDUCATION GOALS

- SAFE, SUPPORTIVE, HEALTHY SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT
- SUPPORT STUDENTS/FAMILIES OF ALL CULTURES,
LANGUAGES, ABILITIES
- EXPAND AFTERSCHOOL, SUMMER, AND WEEKEND
ENRICHMENT
- COULD INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION AND
SMALLER AWARDS FOR
CLUBS/PROGRAMMING

OR PIVOT ENTIRELY?



Making room in the budget					
Category/Program	ENOUGH Pillar, Community Support Category, Indicator	Current	Scenario 1 End CCIF HFHV Split Afterschool awards Add a new program	Scenario 2 Reduce HFHV by 20% Split Afterschool awards Reduce Afterschool by 25%: 3 Days/Wk Buses KCMS	Scenario 3 with discussed revisions included: Reduce HFHV by 10% Reduce BYM by 27% Afterschool transportation for 3 days, multiple awards New funding to strengthen an existing program to address economic mobility or housing/neighborhood services
KCLMB Operating		\$145,146.00	\$145,000.00	\$145,372.00	\$145,872.00
Healthy Families	Health; Benefits Access; Birthweight	\$147,626.00	\$57,923.00	\$118,500.00	\$133,000.00
Afterschool	Education; Community Schools; Attendance	\$100,500.00	\$72,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
	Multiple awards can include funds for buses and for on and off site clubs or activities	-	\$25,500.00	\$20,000.00	\$22,000.00
WAC Hip Hop Time Capsule	Economic Mobility and Education; Community Schools; CTE Completion	\$15,600.00	\$17,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
FHG - Beyond Your Mental	Health and Education; Community Based Mentoring; Student anxiety and depression	\$82,000.00	\$82,000.00	\$82,000.00	\$60,000.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Education, Community Based Mentoring; Bullied Students	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00
New Idea (RFP)	Economic Mobility or Safe and Thriving; Benefits Navigation or ENOUGH; Rent Burdened Households or Student Homelessness	-	\$90,449.00	\$55,000.00	\$60,000.00
Total		\$514,872	\$514,872.00	\$514,872.00	\$514,872.00

ENOUGH Contracts

Neighborhood Action Plan

Due East - 9 sessions and drafted plans, 145 hrs + \$2,000 for reimbursements to participants
TOTAL \$30,000

Smith Planning and Design - 7 weeks for community conversations, 5 weeks for drafting plans, 3 weeks to present, refine and finalize plans
2 in person sessions total 530 hrs \$53,000

Volunteer Network

Due East - 1 kick off session, stakeholder interviews and input collection, research/identify model and platform, implementation roadmap - 56 hrs \$11,000

Smith Planning and Design - create volunteer intake and matching system, train neighborhood captains, pilot activities; 3 in person sessions, 5 virtual, 25% uptake of network model 300 hrs \$30,000

