

County to award community development grants

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The Lancaster County commissioners today are expected to authorize the county Housing and Redevelopment Authority to award \$501,400 in federal grants for fiscal year 2010.

The money would be divided among 12 local community-service organizations for programs ranging from dental care to counseling for domestic-assault victims.

The authority oversees disbursement of federal dollars appropriated to Lancaster

County under the Community Development Block Grant program.

This year's allocation is similar to last year's, according to Matthew Sternberg, executive director of the authority.

Following is a list of organizations and their programs that are slated to receive grant funds from the authority:

■ Tabor Community Services: \$10,362 for its family self-sufficiency program; \$23,157 for its transitional living center; \$36,855 for rental counseling to prevent

homelessness; \$28,000 for a program that helps people move from shelters to living independently; and \$12,025 for Jubilee House, which is Tabor's transitional housing for women recovering from addictions.

■ Community Action Program: \$80,818 for its community outreach and case management efforts associated with helping low-income families and individuals; and \$60,000 for services provided to domestic violence victims.

■ YWCA of Lancaster: \$26,000 for its sexual-assault prevention and counseling program.

■ The Lodge Inc.: \$15,500 for its supportive-housing and outreach program that assists people with mental illness.

■ Welsh Mountain Medical and Dental Center: \$41,250 to provide medical and dental care to the poor.

■ The Gathering Place: \$23,000 for serving people with HIV/AIDS.

■ MidPenn Legal Services: \$45,000 to provide civil legal representation to the poor.

■ SouthEast Lancaster

Health Services: \$30,000 to provide emergency dental care at its walk-in clinic.

■ Clare House Inc.: \$10,000 for providing transitional housing to homeless women and children.

■ Lancaster County Medical Foundation: \$34,433 for its volunteer effort by physicians, hospitals, pharmacies and other health care providers to treat low-income residents who don't have health insurance.

■ Pressley Ridge: \$10,000 for its teen pregnancy and parenting program.

■ Neighborhood Services: \$15,000 to help people receiving disability payments manage their finances.

According to Sternberg, the grant recipients and amounts were determined by a broad-based panel of community volunteers.

The panel weighed 19 funding requests seeking more than \$676,000.

The county commissioners meet at 9:15 a.m. on the seventh floor of the county administration building at 150 N. Queen St.

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