

## 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 2019-20 Budget includes grants from the General Fund and the Community Development Block Grant Fund for the following activities:

<b>Community Partner Agency</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>	<b>Services to Portage Residents</b>	<b>Website</b>
Portage Community Center	\$135,285 <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 and youth recreation scholarships are also available.	<a href="http://portagecommunitycenter.org">http://portagecommunitycenter.org</a>
Housing Resources, Inc.	\$29,000	Housing assessment, homelessness prevention, and permanent supportive housing for families and children.	<a href="https://www.housingresourcesinc.org">https://www.housingresourcesinc.org</a>
YWCA	\$19,000	Emergency support (24-hour hotline), counseling and shelter for victims of domestic assault and/or sexual assault.	<a href="http://ywcakalamazoo.org/">http://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/">http://ccdok.org/</a>
Gryphon Place	\$3,750	2-1-1 Information and Referral, 24-hour hotline.	<a href="https://www.gryphon.org/">https://www.gryphon.org/</a>
Lending Hands	\$5,000	Medical equipment loan program for persons with disabilities.	<a href="http://www.lendinghandsmi.org/">http://www.lendinghandsmi.org/</a>
Kalamazoo Literacy Council	\$2,750	Literacy instructional books and supplies.	<a href="http://www.kalamazooliteracy.org/">http://www.kalamazooliteracy.org/</a>

<sup>1</sup> \$93,240 from the General Fund, plus \$42,045 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 in this table (above right).