



Agenda

Regular Meeting of the Human
Services Committee
August 19, 2025 at 3:00 PM
[Meeting Virtually](#)

Procedures for Human Services Committee Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Approval of 8/19 agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approval of 6/17 minutes
5. Presentations
 - a. Micro Communities presentation (Kristen Woods, Youth and Family Services Program Manager)
 - b. HSC small grant update
 - c. Human Services Grantee end of year updates (Aspen Solutions)
6. Action Items
7. Discussion Items
8. Matters from Staff
 - a. HSC vacancy update
9. Matters from the Committee
10. Matters from the Chair
11. Next Meeting: October 21, 2025
12. Adjourn

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Regular Meeting of the Human Services Committee
June 17, 2025 at 3:00 PM
Meeting Virtually
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm.

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Agenda

a. Approval of 6/17 agenda

MOTION A motion was made by Member Romero, seconded by Member Tunney, to Approve the Agenda.

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of 2/18 minutes

MOTION A motion was made by Member Baldwin, seconded by Member Romero, to Approve the minutes.

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

b. Approval of 3/18 minutes

MOTION A motion was made by Member Baldwin, seconded by Member Romero, to Approvet the minutes.

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

5. Presentations

a. Proposed transgender sanctuary legislation updates and next steps (Members Baldwin and Haozous)

Members Baldwin and Haozous provided an update on the proposed legislation. They feel sufficient protections are in place already and there is no need to add any additional protections. Members are withdrawing from the initiative at this time.

b. Small grantee end of year report out

A presentation was provided which highlights the successes and challenges shared by HSC small grant grantees.

6. Action Items

a. HSC Vice Chair vote

MOTION A motion was made by Member Tunney, seconded by Member Courtney, to

Approve Member Baldwin as the new HSC Vice Chair

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

- b. HSC Policies and Procedures updates to presenting legislation for a committee vote

MOTION A motion was made by Member Romero, seconded by Member Baldwin, to Approve the update HSC Policies and Procedures.

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

- c. Small Grant Application Review Board

Members were identified to serve on the HSC small grant application review board.

7. Discussion Items

8. Matters from Staff

- a. FY26-29 grantee contract updates

Updates were provided on the status of the HSC FY26-29 contracts.

9. Matters from the Committee

10. Matters from the Chair

- a. HSC vacant position recruitment

Members reviewed the HSC vacant position press release which will be used to recruit new members.

11. Next Meeting: August 19, 2025

12. Adjourn

Christa Hernandez
Liaison

Chair

Human Services Committee

Small Grant Grantees
2025-2026

Applicants

Organization Name	AH	BH	CS	ES	Funding Requested	Awarded Funds
Santa Fe Dreamers Projects					\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
NM Eviction Prevention and Diversion					\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Las Cumbres Community Services					\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
SFPS- Parent Academy					\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Free Flow NM					\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Coming Home Connection					\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Kitchen Angels					\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Solace Sexual Assault Services					\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Girls Inc of Santa Fe					\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Abrazos Center					\$ 20,000.00	
Sky Center					\$ 20,000.00	
SITE Santa Fe					\$ 15,436.00	
SF Partners in Education					\$ 20,000.00	
SF Veterans Alliance					\$ 20,000.00	
					\$ 260,436.00	\$150,000.00

Santa Fe Dreamers Project

Santa Fe Felonious Assault U Visa Initiative

This project strengthens community safety by providing full legal representation to five immigrant survivors of felonious assault in Santa Fe who are eligible for U Visas. Each of these individuals has cooperated with law enforcement and is seeking protection under federal law. Their immigration status, however, leaves them vulnerable to ongoing harm and exploitation. By helping them stabilize their lives through legal status, this project promotes public safety and builds trust between marginalized residents and civic institutions.

Funded: \$20,000

Number to be served: 5

New Mexico Eviction Prevention and Diversion

Provide focused rental assistance to Seniors in the City of Santa Fe

New Mexico Eviction Prevention and Diversion (NMEPD's) project will focus on keeping persons age 62+ housed through their nonpayment of rent crisis and helping them identify strategies to remain stably housed. It is more cost-effective to keep people housed than to re-house persons once homeless. The large majority of these grant funds will be for direct rental assistance. However, NMEPD's project also increases access to legal services for vulnerable populations, in this case specifically the population of low income persons age 62 and over. NMEPD offers a form of quasi legal support through "Community Justice Workers," a service being recognized and adopted in several Western states as a way to combat the access to justice gap relative to landlord/tenant case representation.

Funded: \$20,000

Number to be served:24

Las Cumbres Community Services

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Santa Fe

Human Services Committee's funding priority Strengthening Equitable Society best aligns with Las Cumbres Community Services' Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) program. GRG services began in 2012, recognizing the growing number of GRGs and other kinship caregivers, children and youth in Santa Fe - and in Northern New Mexico - who would greatly benefit from specialized support. Most GRGs lack sufficient access to financial or social-emotional resources, and despite these barriers, they play a crucial role in providing stability and improved outcomes for their grandchildren of all ages. This often occurs to the detriment of grandparents' own emotional, mental, physical, and financial health. Secondly, the priority of Behavioral Health for GRGs, their children and grandchildren, will actively factor into the funding request. GRG families are multigenerational and benefit from specialized counseling services specifically related to untreated/complex trauma, grief, substance use, and historical trauma. These experiences often perpetuate risk factors leading to grandchildren being placed in the care of their grandparents. Las Cumbres GRG Program provides supportive counseling and access to licensed clinicians through group and individual work to address those needs.

Funded: \$20,000

Number to be served: 32

PIE-SFPS- Parent Academy

Parent Academy - Educacion Gratuita para Adultos

SFPS Parent Academy offers free GED and other educational classes that empower individuals from underserved communities, such as immigrants and low-socioeconomic individuals, to improve their employment prospects, access essential resources and skills like technology, and foster a more inclusive and equitable society. This funding priority would be utilized to: 1- Offering GED (General Educational Development Test) academic tutoring support in Spanish for low-socioeconomic parents/caregivers of Santa Fe Public Schools' (SFPS) students who want to obtain their GED. 2- Providing free Computer classes for low-socioeconomic adults/parents so that they can have equal access to the workforce. 3. Spanish as a second language for Beginners. Many parents, through one-on-one conversations and feedback, have requested that the Parent Academy offer Spanish in addition to English as a Second Language (ESL).

Funded: \$15,000

Number to be served: 100

Free Flow New Mexico

Advancing Menstrual Equity Through Access to Period Products & Education

Free Flow NM has been dedicated to combating period poverty and menstruation stigma through seven key programs focused on education and distribution of critical menstrual supplies. **STRATEGIES #1 General Distribution Program** Each month our 90+ volunteers build period kits filled with a monthly supply of period products. The kits are distributed to over 55 Santa Fe community organizations across northern New Mexico. We also offer home delivery for individuals with transportation barriers. (See list of organizations below.) **#2 Period Pod™ Program** Similar to the Little Libraries you may find in your community, our pods are filled with period products. Each Pod holds 25 - 125 kits per month, with the quantity adjusted based on community demand and population size. Each kit contains a 1-month supply of period products.

Funded: \$5,000

Number to be served: 1300

Coming Home Connection

Taking Care of Neighbors

The "Taking Care of Neighbors" (TCN) program provides critical support to low-income older adults in Santa Fe, including light housekeeping, transportation for groceries and/or medical appointments, and companionship. The program was developed in 2021 in response to the need for these services, particularly as COVID-19 reduced city services and curtailed volunteer activity in the community. This small grant fund proposal seeks funding for TCN services for twelve new city clients, at a rate of three hours per month for ten months. Based on conversations and home visits, many clients can be adequately served with one three-hour caregiver visit per month to assist with grocery shopping, light housekeeping, or scheduled medical appointments.

Funded: \$20,000

Number to be served: 12

Kitchen Angels

Delivering meals to homebound individuals

The program improves adult health outcomes by delivering meals tailored for individuals with chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, and cancer. Research shows that proper nutrition significantly reduces hospitalizations and health complications. Many Kitchen Angels clients experience isolation, and our regular meal deliveries provide the social interaction that helps reduce clients' feelings of loneliness and depression. Kitchen Angels impacts the overall community health by reducing many of the risks faced by medically vulnerable individuals by ensuring they have proper nutrition to maintain the best possible health and independence, decreasing reliance on emergency medical services.

Funded: \$20,000

Number to be served: 9

Solace Sexual Assault Services

Sustaining Clinical Capacity for Adult Survivors

Solace is requesting funding to sustain and enhance direct services in our clinical department, with a specific focus on meeting the needs of adults aged 18 and older who are facing behavioral health challenges. We aim to achieve three main objectives: Decrease Wait Times for Therapy: Train and support clinicians in evidence-based trauma treatment modalities to reduce client wait times by at least another 50% over the next year. We feel we can do this successfully in light of already having decreased the waitlist by 50% since January with the assistance of our intern. Reduce Post-Traumatic Stress Responses: Expand capacity for timely crisis intervention and stabilization services to reach adults after a traumatic event, improving recovery outcomes and reducing long-term psychological distress. Increase Protective Factors and Pro-Social Behavior: Deliver survivor centered programming, including Trauma-Informed Yoga and Expressive Arts Group Therapy that mitigates risk factors and enhances resilience among adults impacted by sexual violence and trauma, with a focus on prevention, empowerment, and community support.

Funded: \$20,000

Number to be served: 50

Girls Inc of Santa Fe

Strengthening Families

As part of the Strengthening Families program, we will offer Youth Mental Health First Aid classes for all families of Girls Inc. participants. Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to teach adults how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a five-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders. Our Program Director, Madonna Hernandez, is a certified Youth Mental Health First Aid instructor and will lead three day-long sessions.

Funded: \$10,000*

Number to be served: 30

* If more funds become available will supplement with \$10,000