

**City of Fairfield
Minutes
Regular Meeting of City Council
September 26, 2022**

Council-Manager Briefing

Sustainability & City Grant Program

Mayor Rhodus called the briefing to order at 6:00 PM. Councilmembers present: Leslie Besl, Dale Paullus, Terry Senger, Adam Kraft, Tim Meyers and Gwen Brill.

Staff members present: Scott Timmer, Steve Wolterman, Laurie Murphy, Greg Kathman, Adam Sackenheim, Ben Mann, Tiphonie Mays, Kristina Cooper, Carol Mayhall, Steve Maynard and Randy McCreadie.

City Manager Timmer presented the Sustainability Initiative. Mayor Rhodus led the City Grant Program discussion. See attached slides.

Business Meeting Call to Order

Mayor Rhodus called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Paullus led in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilmembers present included:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tim Meyers	Councilmember, At-Large	Present	
Matt Davidson	Councilmember, At-Large	Excused	
Gwen Brill	Councilmember, At-Large	Present	
Leslie Besl	Councilmember, 1st Ward	Present	
Dale Paullus	Councilmember, 2nd Ward	Present	
Terry Senger	Councilmember, 3rd Ward	Present	
Adam Kraft	Councilmember, 4th Ward	Present	
Mitch Rhodus	Mayor	Present	

Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Kraft, moved to excuse Councilmember Davidson. Motion carried 5-0. Councilmember Senger entered the Regular Meeting during the Executive Session request.

Agenda Modifications

None.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Paullus, moved for Executive Session to discuss the status of collective bargaining with public employees and pending or imminent litigation. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.

Special Presentations

a. Fire Department Oath of Office

Mayor Rhodus administered the ceremonial oath of office to the new Firefighter/Paramedics Dan Noonan, Justin Mangus, Brian Lockaby, Sam Humphries, Tyler Holman and Brandin Baxtron and welcomed them to the city. Acting Fire Chief McCreadie presented each one with a plaque commemorating the start of their career with Fairfield Fire Department.

Citizen Comments

Sean Jarvis, President of the Emerald Lake HOA Board, addressed Council regarding flooding issues in the neighborhood following the development of High Point Court. He presented pictures showing the issues. Staff explained that they are working on a solution and Mayor Rhodus assured Mr. Jarvis that the issue is a priority for the City.

Public Hearing(s)

None.

Approval of Minutes

The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2022 were approved as written and submitted.

OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Community & Public Relations Committee

Leslie Besl, Chair; Gwen Brill, Vice Chair; Adam Kraft, Member

Development Services Committee

Matt Davidson, Chair; Terry Senger, Vice Chair; Dale Paullus, Member

Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee

Gwen Brill, Chair; Matt Davidson, Vice Chair; Leslie Besl, Member

Public Safety Committee

Dale Paullus, Chair; Adam Kraft, Vice Chair; Leslie Besl, Member

Public Utilities Committee

Adam Kraft, Chair; Gwen Brill, Vice Chair; Tim Meyers, Member

Public Works Committee

Terry Senger, Chair; Tim Meyers, Vice Chair; Matt Davidson, Member

Finance & Budget Committee

Tim Meyers, Chair; Gwen Brill, Vice Chair; Terry Senger, Member

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Besl, seconded by Councilmember Paullus, moved to read all New Business by title only. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Safety Committee

Dale Paullus, Chair; Adam Kraft, Vice Chair; Leslie Besl, Member

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Paullus presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
SECONDER:	Leslie Besl, Councilmember, 1st Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute the acceptance of a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant (SAFER) award for the hiring of nine (9) full-time firefighter/paramedics for the Fire Department and declaring an emergency.

ORDINANCE NO. 121-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Public Works Committee

Terry Senger, Chair; Tim Meyers, Vice Chair; Matt Davidson, Member

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Preliminary Legislation Agreement for Bridge Inspection Services through the Ohio Department of Transportation and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a preliminary legislation agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for Bridge Inspection Program Services.

ORDINANCE NO. 122-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Finance & Budget Committee

Tim Meyers, Chair; Gwen Brill, Vice Chair; Terry Senger, Member

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cincinnati Bell Technical Services for server hardware and declaring an emergency.

ORDINANCE NO. 123-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Ordinance to establish salaries and hourly rates for certain salaried and hourly employees of the City of Fairfield, Ohio and to authorize and limit the numbers and types of certain employees, to repeal Ordinance No. 116-22 and all amendments thereto and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council approve this Ordinance amending the wage range for the PT Clerk of Council position and for the addition of one Police Officer in the Police Department, suspending the rules and declaring an emergency.

ORDINANCE NO. 124-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Leslie Besl, Councilmember, 1st Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 148-21 entitled “An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022.”

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council suspend the rules requiring a second and third reading of this Ordinance and adopt the appropriations listed above.

ORDINANCE NO. 125-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Leslie Besl, Councilmember, 1st Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

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Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council suspend the rules requiring a second and third reading of this Ordinance and adopt the appropriations listed above.

ORDINANCE NO. 126-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- A. Tuesday, October 11 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- B. Monday, October 24 - Council-Manager Briefing, 5:30 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- C. Monday, November 14 - Council-Manager Briefing, 5:30 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Council recessed to Executive Session at 7:40 PM.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved _____

FAIRFIELD

CITY OF OPPORTUNITY



Sustainability

Why Are We Doing This?

- **Fairfield Forward**
 - ✓ Sustainability links the issues of environment, economy and social equity together.
 - ✓ Sustainable actions are those that support, maintain, conserve, and enhance the environmental, economic, and social systems on which we depend.
 - ✓ The City will continue to develop a more comprehensive sustainability plan that provides policies and strategies.
 - ✓ A good sustainability plan enables the residents of Fairfield to meet their current needs and maintain a fulfilling quality of life without compromising or foregoing the ability of the opportunity for future residents to do the same.

The following topics are briefly discussed in this chapter and recommended for further detailed study in a comprehensive Sustainability Plan for the city.

- 1 Air Quality and Climate Change
- 2 Community Health and Safety
- 3 Energy Conservation and Efficiency
- 4 Going Green
- 5 Water Quality

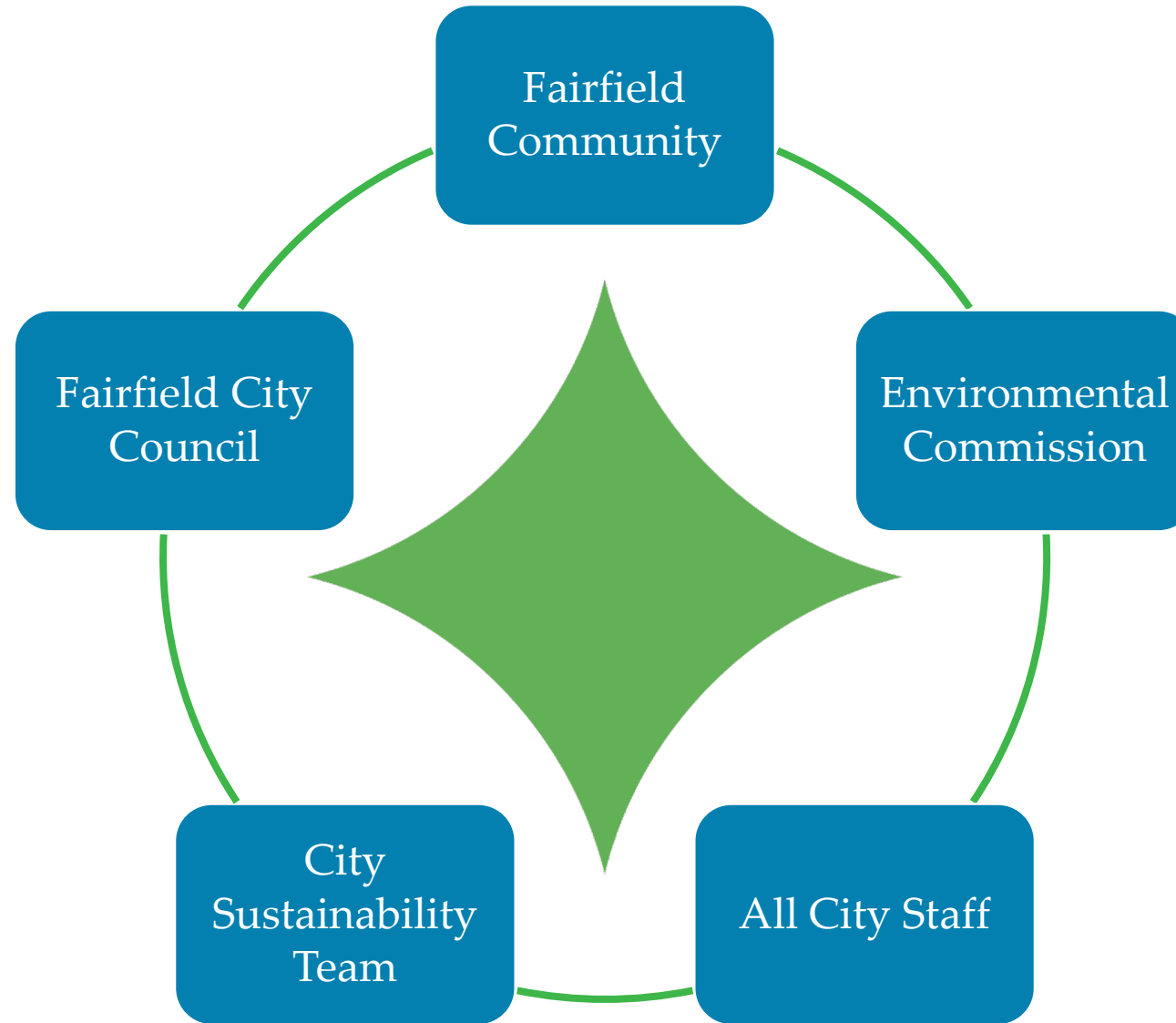
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Why Are We Doing This?

- 2022 City Council Priority
 - ✓ “We would like to propose the formulation of a comprehensive roadmap on sustainability for the City.”
- Roadmap should include but not limited to:
 - ✓ Overall Carbon Reduction Goals
 - ✓ Fleet & Transportation Evolution
 - ✓ Renewable Energy Options
 - ✓ Investment Screening & Key Investment Projects
 - ✓ Natural Environment
 - ✓ Business Development
 - ✓ Waste & Recycling
 - ✓ Community Engagement and Education
 - ✓ City Operations



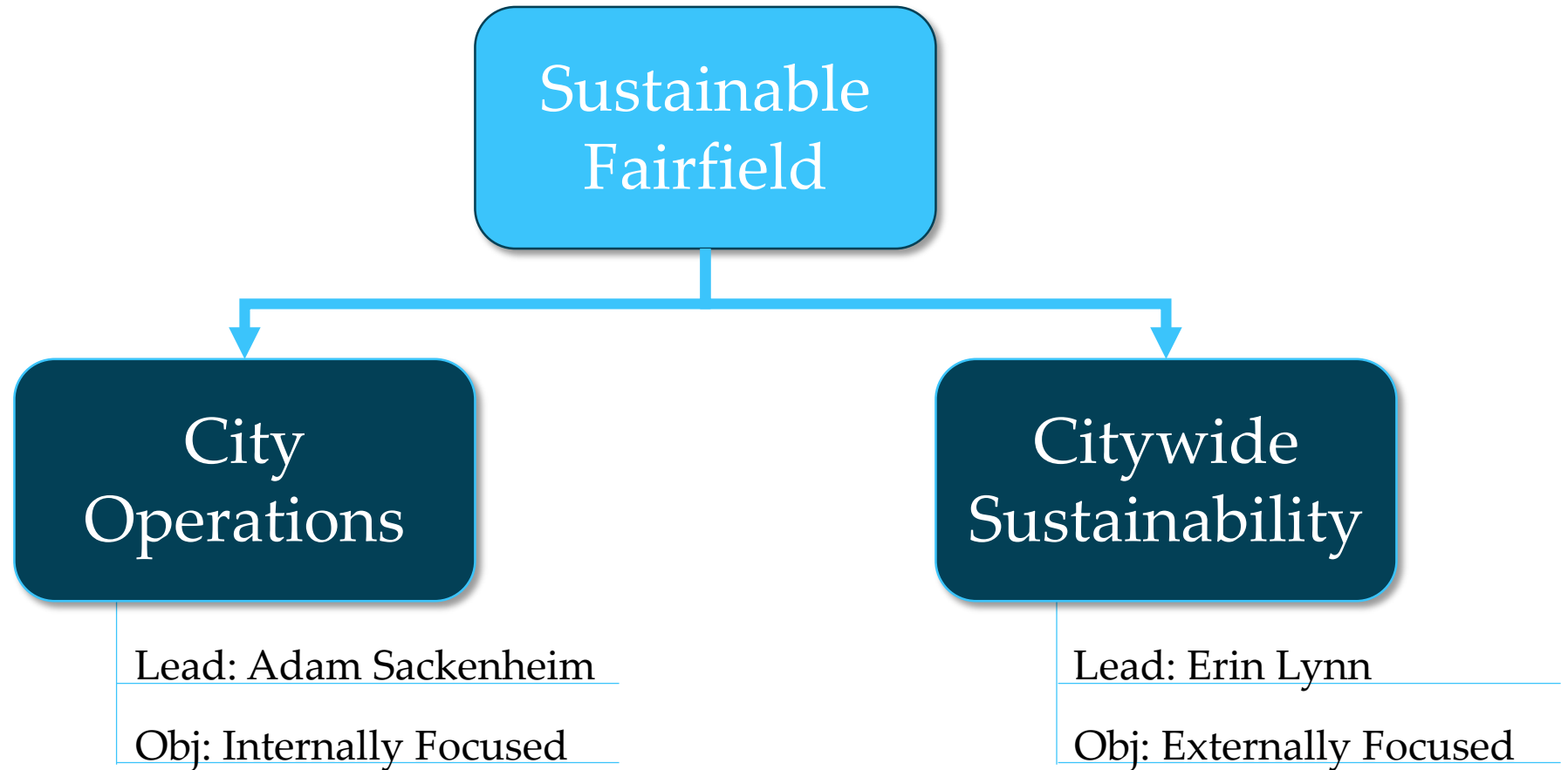
Stakeholders



City Team

- **City Manager's Office**
 - ✓ Scott Timmer, City Manager
 - ✓ Laurie Murphy, Asst City Manager
 - ✓ Lance Kennedy, IT Manager
- **Development Services**
 - ✓ Greg Kathman, Director
 - ✓ Erin Lynn, Planning Manager
 - ✓ Nathaniel Kaelin, Economic Development
 - ✓ Leland Rosato, Building Superintendent
- **Finance**
 - ✓ Kristina Cooper, Director (Acting)
- **Fire**
 - ✓ Randy McCreddie, Deputy Chief
- **Parks & Recreation**
 - ✓ Tiphannie Mays, Director
- **Police**
 - ✓ Steve Maynard, Chief
- **Public Utilities**
 - ✓ Adam Sackenheim, Director
- **Public Works**
 - ✓ Ben Mann, Director
 - ✓ Nick Dill, City Engineer
 - ✓ Brian Rose, Fleet & Facilities

Approach



What Have We Done?

- Internally Focused
 - ✓ 100% Renewable Energy at all City Facilities
 - ✓ City of Dayton Lime Recycling Agreement
 - ✓ Greenroads Rating System
 - *Bronze Level for Rt 4, Holden, and S. Gilmore Improvement Project*
 - ✓ Hamilton to New Baltimore Ground Water Consortium Member
 - ✓ Installation of efficient lighting and mechanical systems in city buildings



What Have We Done?

- Externally Focused
 - ✓ Street lights replaced with LED lighting systems
 - ✓ EV Charging Station at the Community Arts Center
 - ✓ Curbside Residential Recycling Program
 - ✓ Tree City USA
 - ✓ Environmental Commission
 - ✓ Wind turbine used to power pond aeration system at Huffman Park
 - ✓ Community gardens at Huffman Park



Investment Plan

- Initial Sustainability Investment
 - ✓ American Rescue Plan Act
 - Funds are earmarked to contract a sustainability professional to assist the City in its Sustainability Plan development
 - Funds are earmarked for 'quick-hitters' identified in final Sustainability Plan
 - ✓ On-going Funding
 - Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
 - 2021 Goal Alignment Initiative



Moving Forward





FAIRFIELD

CITY OF OPPORTUNITY

Mayor Rhodus – City Grant Discussion

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Organization	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Grand Total (By Org.)
Community First Solutions (Partners in Prime)	15,000	15,000	13,500	10,000	9,000	8,000	8,000	10,000				88,500
Fairfield Civitan Club					2,000							2,000
Fairfield Community Foundation	10,000	11,000	9,900	9,500	9,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000			89,400
Fairfield Food Pantry					5,000		10,000	10,000	7,500			32,500
Fairfield Prevention Coalition									7,500			7,500
Fairfield Summer Theatre	4,500	5,000	4,050	4,000	2,500		5,000					25,050
Fairfield Youth Athletic Association				5,000	1,000							6,000
Fairfield Youth Baseball Association			4,050									4,050
Hamilton-Fairfield Symphony Orchestra	5,500	5,000	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500						28,500
Grand Total (By Year)	35,000	36,000	36,000	33,000	33,000	22,500	33,000	30,000	25,000	-	-	283,500

Community First Solutions (Partners in Prime)	Fairfield Summer Theatre
To increase in-home services in order to keep up with the increasing need.	To provide necessary supplies and operating expenses for the Theater's 20th year of production.
To increase services in order to keep up with the increasing need.	To provide necessary supplies and operating expenses for the Theater's production.
Fairfield Civitan Club	Fairfield Youth Athletic Association
To provide operating expenses for air conditioning and parking lot needs for Girl/Boy Scouts and Softball League.	To replace current equipment for the youth football program.
Fairfield Community Foundation	Fairfield Youth Baseball Association
To help the Foundation expand its outreach to the community, as well as grow the funds in place.	To replace current equipment for the youth baseball program.
To update current technology and software that is out of date.	Hamilton-Fairfield Symphony Orchestra
Fairfield Food Pantry	To provide necessary supplies and operating expenses for the annual summer concert at Village Green.
To increase services in order to keep up with the increasing need.	
Fairfield Prevention Coalition	
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