

The Social Services Warrant Article Committee makes the following recommendations for inclusion in the 2021 Social Services Warrant:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount of Award</b>
Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley	Provides scholarships for at risk school age Milford kids. Priorities include academic supports, encouraging healthy lifestyles (included drug and alcohol prevention programs) and developing good character and leadership.	\$5,000
Bridges	Funding will be used to provide much needed crisis intervention, support, education and advocacy services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Milford.	\$3,000
CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)	The purpose of CASA is to provide well-trained and caring Guardians ad Litem at no cost for abused and neglected children who come to the attention of NH's courts through no fault of their own.	\$3,000
Child Advocacy Center (CAC)	When abuse is reported to law enforcement or DCYF, CAC is the first agency contact. Their role is to coordinate the subsequent investigation. CAC staff conducts the forensic interview of the child that determines how a case progresses.	\$3,000
CAST ( Community Action for Safe Teens)	This donation will assist the Children's Resiliency Retreat Program which is the only one of its kind in the area. It is a monthly retreat for school age youth affected by a loved one's alcohol or drug use.	\$5,000
Family Promise	Family Promise provides transitional living for families. They have recently moved to a bigger facility where they will be able to house even more families in crisis.	\$1,000
Greater Nashua Mental Health Center (GNMHC)	GNMHC is the designated community behavioral health center for southern Hillsborough County.	\$5,000
Harbor Care	Harbor Care is the new shared public name for Harbor Homes, Healthy at Home, Keystone Hall, and the Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force. This agency provides housing and case management services, healthcare services, and substance use disorder services.	\$3,000
Nashua Children's Home	Funding will be used to provide housing, as well as ongoing staff support and guidance for youth aging out of the child-protective or juvenile justice systems, thus needing to enter adulthood as 18 year olds absent any financial support from their families of origin.	\$1,000
Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter	NSKS provides emergency shelter and food to those in need and provides services to promote dignity and self-sufficiency among those they serve.	\$4,000
Share Outreach	SHARE works to ensure that low income residents of Milford are housed, fed and do not suffer from lack of heat, medicine, electricity, and other basic necessities.	\$5,000
St. Joseph Community Services – Meals on Wheels	Meals on Wheels provides a nutritious meal (comprising one-third of the daily nutritional requirements), a visit from a driver trained in emergency procedures and information pertinent to the population served, and access to additional community resources.	\$2,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$40,000</b>

The Committee began meeting in September to evaluate and refine the application process, and then to review completed applications. This year 14 applications were received and the Committee recommends funding 12 requests. Priority is given to those agencies who are based in Milford, and/or who work with at risk youth or the elderly, or address mental health and substance use disorder needs.