



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: July 8, 2025

Title of Item: HOPE presentation

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	Action Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only
Submitted by: April Kellerman		Department: Administration
Presenter (Name and Title): Megan Cummings, HOPE Executive Director		Estimated Time Needed: 20 min.
Summary of Issue: Megan Cummings, HOPE Executive Director, submitted an appropriations request and will be providing a HOPE presentation to the Board.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion: Information Only.		
Financial Impact: <i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</i> <i>Is this budgeted?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

HOPE-Healing Opportunities Provided Equally

Providing domestic violence victim services
in Aitkin County since 1981 *44 Years



Community Support 2024
239 Volunteers
7,021 Hours
\$29,402



Mission: HOPE works to end domestic violence and provide safety through direct services, education, and advocacy to all people experiencing domestic violence.

- Filing an order for protection or harassment restraining order
- Explaining the civil and criminal court process
- Accompaniments to court proceedings
- Providing emotional support; by listening and offering judgement free options
- Transporting you to medical or legal appointments
- Creating a safety plan
- Support Groups



Service period of January 1 - December 31st, 2024

510

victim/survivors served (237 adults, 273 children)

526

community referrals for additional resources

41

families received transportation assistance

5,150

contacts with victim/survivors and/or on their behalf

15

families assisted w/relocation

46

victim/survivors assisted w/protection orders

52

crisis line calls - after office hours

65

victim/survivors attended support group

67

families received financial assistance (493 total provided)

79

families assisted w/family law issues (custody, visitation, support)

Who Benefits from Our Services

- Victims/Survivors of domestic violence
 - Children
 - Pets
- Families seeking shelter and support services
- Community members, civic organizations and youth
 - Free personalized presentations/education
- Community Partners
 - Law Enforcement
 - Prosecuting Attorneys Office
 - Crime Victim Coordinator
 - Child Protection Services
 - Probation
 - WorkForce Center
 - Support Within Reach – Sexual Assault Services

*All services are free and confidential

Budget

Operating Budget

Total annual operating budget is

\$342,475 FY'26 (7/1/25-6/30/24)

\$431,000 FY'25 (7/1/24 -6/30/25)

Year-End Fund Balance

Year-end fund balance **\$325,138**
for capital and operating expenses.

Other Funding Sources

Additional funding includes grants & community donations.

Restricted funds 33,063 (Grants)

Unrestricted funds \$10,000 (Donation/Fundraisers)

Reimbursements (Grants) \$125,400 OJP / \$9600 Sourcewell

Funding

January 1 – December 31, 2024

HOPE GRANT Stats

Applied for 28 grants

Awarded 20 grants (70% Award to Application Ratio)

Denied 8 grants

Requested \$1,060,206

Awarded \$336,906 (31.5% Award to Request Ratio)

Fiscal Year'25 (7/1/24 – 6/30/25)

INCOME

Grants \$330,828 (90%)

Donations \$26,203 (7%)

Fundraising \$9628 (3%)

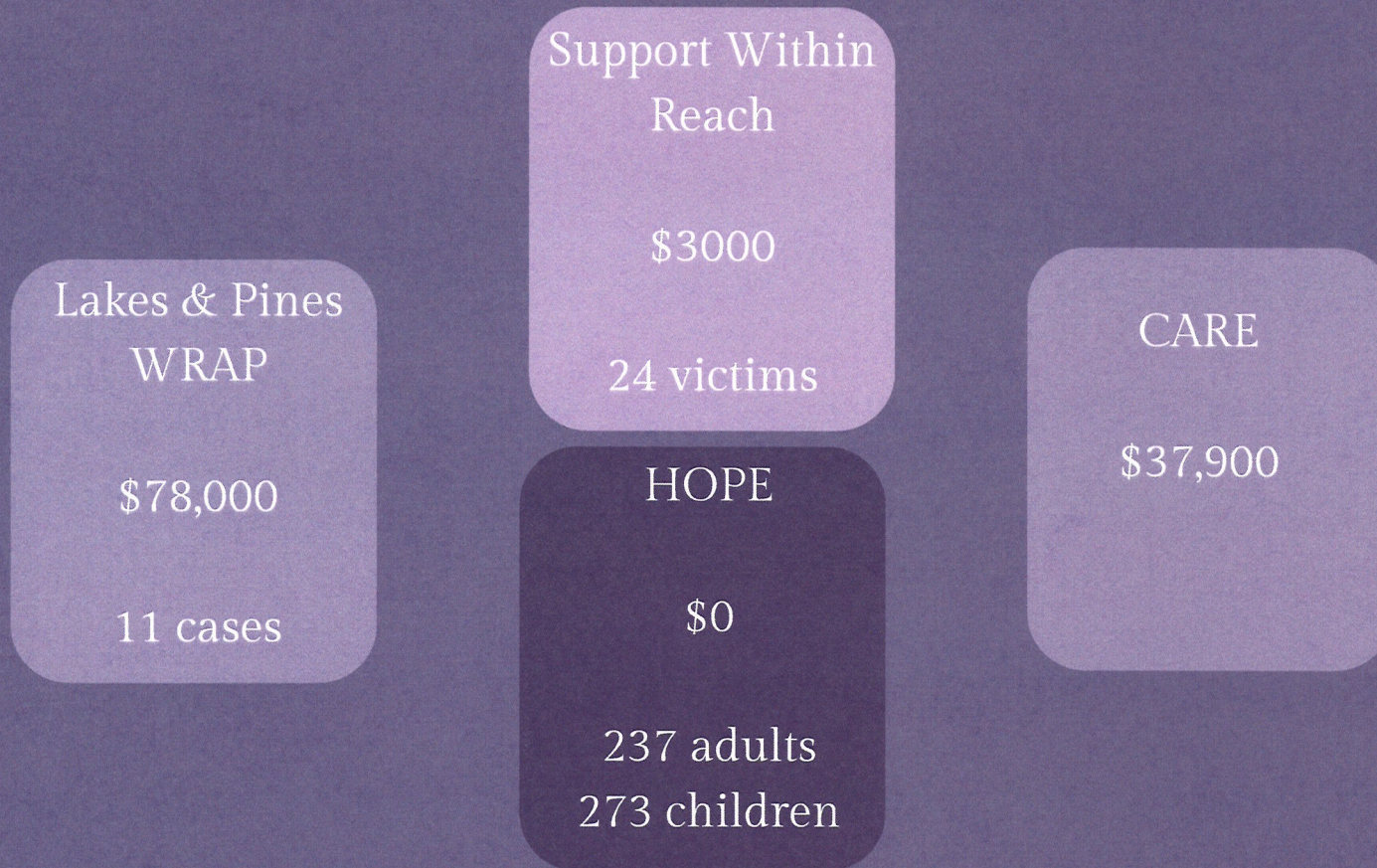
Rent \$1400

Court fines/fees \$746

Bank interest \$35

Total Income = \$368,842

Non-Profits in Aitkin County allocated funds (2024)



Request

Amount: \$5,000

How Funds will be used: General Operations

- Personnel wages when faced with funding gaps. This will allow for continued seamless victim advocacy services to the Aitkin County community.
- In 44 years, this is the first ask that our advocacy non-profit has made to Aitkin County.

HOPE

Healing Opportunity
Provided Equally



Thank you!