

4/26/2017

## Dear Matt & Jordan Trust Committee:

On behalf of Community Services, I respectfully request \$24,460 from the Thomas Jordan Trust to cover expenses incurred during fiscal year 2017 to provide programs and services to citizens regardless of their ability to pay. The generosity of the Thomas Jordan Trust has helped Community Services provide access to a variety of programming opportunities and facilities for citizens of all ages during this past year.

For FY 17 Community Services awarded scholarships, based on the Trust's income guidelines, to 26 Cape Elizabeth households. These 26 homes represented 46 individual users that ranged in age from 3 year olds to senior citizens. The 46 users participated in 330 individual programs encompassing everything from the Cape Care extended care program, youth sports, youth enrichment, adult and senior activities, and memberships at both the Pool & Fitness Center.

The total amount awarded for FY17 to these 26 households was \$24,460.

In addition, I am requesting that the Jordan Trust Committee allot \$25,000 for FY18 so that we can continue to offer this vital service.

As always, the generosity of the Thomas Jordan Trust has been and continues to be appreciated by many. Thank you for supporting Community Services in this process. If you would like to engage in further discussion on this topic I am more than willing to participate in that process.

Sincerely,

## Russell

Russell Packett, CPRP, AFO Director Cape Elizabeth Community Services



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## Dear Matt & Jordan Trust Committee:

In April of 2016, I approached the Thomas Jordan Trust Committee with a request for funds to establish a scholarship program for the Cape Care Preschool (run by Community Services). At that time the committee granted my request and allocated a reimbursement of \$3,500 per child, up to \$24,500, for individuals who met the Trust's income guidelines.

In FY17 we had one citizen apply for funds from the scholarship program. Therefore, I am requesting the transfer of \$3,500 from the Thomas Jordan Trust to Community Services in support of that individual child.

In addition, I am requesting that the Thomas Jordan Trust Committee allocate up to \$24,500 (\$3,500 per child up to 7 participants) for FY18 so that we can continue to offer this great opportunity for Cape residents.

As I mentioned last year, there is a significant amount of data that suggests children who have the opportunity to engage in early childhood education have a much greater success rate in their educational experience then those children who are unable to have the same opportunity. Most of the time it is one's socioeconomic status that drives the inability to access such a program.

This request is an attempt to help shrink that group of children in Cape Elizabeth who, for financial reasons, cannot access a program like ours.

It is my hope that the Thomas Jordan Trust will continue to help fill the socioeconomic gap of some of our residents. If you would like to engage in further discussion on this topic before considering this request I am more than willing to participate in that process.

Sincerely,

## Russell

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