



2023-2024 Grantee Year-End Report Summary

September 3, 2025

2023 Grantees receiving two-year grants

Family Service Agency \$100,000 – expended

Funded a Community Mental Health Navigator

Through this pilot project 85 clients received navigation services that included 344 contacts to connect them to mental health services. More than 88% were successfully connected with a therapist. Clients were able to access mental health care more quickly, as well as other supportive services. FSA also established a centralized intake system. The program is now being sustained by reimbursements through CalAIM, which they report is a direct result of being funded by the Women's Fund.

Independent Living Resource Center – ILRC \$100,000 – expended

Employed a Youth Advocate

The youth advocate offered individualized support to 62 youth with disabilities between the ages of 14 and 25, exceeding ILRC's projection of serving 45 youth. The grant enabled the ILRC to provide a program wholly focused on the needs of youth, led by someone going through similar life transitions, which they found very useful. The agency was also able to offer a series of workshops focused on independent living skills. Over the two-year grant period, 75% of the participants achieved or made measurable progress toward achieving their goals. The ILRC has been able to secure \$30,000 for each of the next two years to at least partially fund the program beyond our grant.

Legal Aid Foundation \$100,000 – expended

Employed a Legal Assistant

The legal assistant relieved the attorneys of administrative work so they could devote more time to serving survivors of intimate partner violence. Legal Aid didn't quite reach the numbers to be served because they had a vacancy in the second attorney position for much of 2024-25. They projected adding 60 new families to the 130 served annually, instead they served a total of 150 households. In terms of the future, Legal Aid has received enough funding from the State Bar Equal Access Fund to support the assistant position in the coming year; however, they are concerned about reductions in funding from the Victims of Crime Act and other federal reductions.



Immigrant Legal Defense Center – ILDC \$130,000 - expended

Employed a case manager

After initially having difficulty hiring a clinical therapist who specializes in trauma-informed counseling for unaccompanied minors who were receiving their legal services, ILDC is thrilled with their hire. They feel this can help them address the profound psychological barriers that often prevent indigent immigrants—especially children and survivors of trauma—from fully participating in their defense. The center has exceeded their projection of serving 60-80 young clients over two years' time, serving 104. They have secured funding through the state and the county and are seeking Medi-Cal funding to make the program sustainable.

St. Vincent's \$100,000 – partially expended

Established a Peer Support Specialist position

Over the two years, three different individuals who have occupied this position in the Family Strengthening program have left because they have transitioned into permanent employment positions, what St. Vincent's sees as "positive life changes." The agency has spent less than half of the grant at this point, while expecting to expend it fully by December 2025. Over the two years, they have served 19 mothers and 32 children and have completely eliminated early exits from the program, which was a primary goal. Last August, the board approved an extension for St. Vincent's until November 30, 2025.

2024 Grantees

CADA – Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse \$100,000 – nearly expended

Purchase 3 new vehicles

CADA has purchased the three SUVs to be used to transport clients in four programs and has expended all but \$2,900 which they have reserved for vehicle maintenance. The SUVs have been used in the Adult Residential Treatment Center, the Daniel Bryant Youth and Family Center, and Project Recovery for a total of 290 clients transported during the year. The fourth program, the Perinatal Program, was largely discontinued during the pandemic and has not yet had enough referrals to warrant re-establishing on-site childcare. So, CADA has yet to use the designated SUV to transport mothers and their children to the program, although the agency is certain to use it for the designated purpose in the future.



Casa Pacifica \$90,000 – expended

Employ Full-Time Mental Health Crisis Response Counselor

This grant covered salary and benefits of an additional, full-time mental health crisis response counselor for the SAFTY program which serves youth. Casa Pacifica served 207 clients and gave 544 proactive counseling sessions. However, they will be phasing out the SAFTY program by September 30, 2025. Proposition 1 has shifted children's mental health funding (which helped to support SAFTY) to address homelessness, and CalAIM has eliminated travel reimbursements, both amounting to significant financial losses for the program. The county has expanded its mobile crisis teams under a statewide initiative to create a single crisis program that supplants SAFTY and will be managed by BWELL.

City Net \$100,000 grant – nearly expended

Purchase Women's Safe Space Vehicle

The large van allows City Net to provide ongoing, mobile support services to homeless women: essential supplies, time with a case manager, and computer access. They see it as an innovative form of outreach that has allowed them to "massively widen their net of care". City Net purchased the van for \$91,337, leaving \$8,662 for on-going van maintenance, stocking, and repairs. The remaining funds will be expended by the end of 2025. The application projected serving 100 unduplicated clients annually, with 70 being new clients. They report serving 52 women, 10 of whom are chronically homeless. City Net feels in this first year they had to spend a good deal of time training staff for the proper use and care of the van and their numbers served will go up in the future. The van has a Women's Fund wrap.

Dignity Moves \$125,000 – unexpended – board extension granted

Funds for the construction of a Child-Care Facility

Dignity Moves intended to use this grant to help fund the construction of a child-care facility which will be part of a housing project for homeless families. They have neither begun the construction nor expended any of the Women's Fund grant. To build the village, Dignity Moves needs a large grant from the state's Project Home Key fund, which has been delayed more than a year in accepting funding applications. They are in ongoing discussions with the state. Our board has given Dignity Moves an extension until December 31, 2025, by which time the outcome of the submitted application to the state should be known.



Doctors Without Walls \$100,000 – two-year grant – \$50,000 expended

Fund a full-time, bilingual case manager

This grant pays the salary of a full-time, bi-lingual case manager for a program of Enhanced Care Management– (ECM) an intensive and comprehensive care service model for unhoused individuals. DWW has far exceeded its annual goal of serving 20 homeless clients by conducting outreach to 50 individuals, 45 of whom have enrolled in the ECM. The program is currently managing 26 active participants. Doctors Without Walls reports “all current clients are making progress toward housing and health stability.” DWW has just hired a new bilingual case manager. He has experience working with homeless clients from a former position at PATH, so according to the Executive Director, “he has hit the ground running”.

LEAP: Learn. Engage. Advocate. Partner. \$120,000 – expended

Gap Funding for the Child-care Center

The budgetary shortfall in LEAP’s Children’s Center Program was caused by the state’s failure to increase its reimbursement rate for child-care providers to match inflation. The state has not yet adopted new rates because legislators have not reached an agreement; however, the state is giving LEAP supplemental funds while negotiations are taking place. The \$120,000 in gap funding has been expended, and LEAP has been able to continue to provide uninterrupted quality childhood education and care to 130 children and 300 low-income parents and family members. They appreciate this flexible funding at this critical time.

PathPoint \$105,000 – nearly expended

Install 8 Walk-in Showers

These walk-in showers have been installed in PathPoint's Behavioral Health Properties, in Santa Barbara and Goleta which house individuals with severe psychiatric diagnoses. PathPoint has completed seven of the eight showers and was granted an extension to complete the eighth in a building other than the one originally proposed. Accessibility has become an issue at that location, and PathPoint may re-locate its services to another property. The agency will expend the remaining \$14,000 by December 31, 2025. The



projection to serve 42 existing clients has already been exceeded, and clients report they are much more comfortable with the bathing facilities.

SB ACT \$200,000/two-year grant –\$100,000 expended – partial 2nd year funding released
Fund Staff and Supplies for Permanent Homeless Navigation Center

The purpose of the grant was to help launch and operate the FARO Daytime Navigation Center in downtown Santa Barbara, which offers consistent access to housing navigation, case management, healthcare, and workforce development services for people experiencing homelessness. By the end of June, the center had served 1,290 individuals in the first year with 101 individuals moved into interim or permanent housing with many more connected to behavioral health care, workforce training, and other services. However, there is uncertainty about SB ACT's ability to continue in its current role at the FARO Center location. Complaints from neighbors about disruptive client behavior and unproductive negotiations with the city, which holds the building lease, have prevented the city from signing a full-year lease at this time.

When SB ACT's contract with the city expired, the city initially considered closing the center but instead agreed to a month-to-month contract with certain conditions. SB ACT changed from a drop-in model to a referral and appointment-only model, hot meals have been replaced by snack bags, the syringe safety program has been ended, and there is daytime security onsite. Daily visits dropped from 70 to 20 a day. The city plans to issue a Request for Proposals to select an operator for the FARO Center, and SB ACT intends to apply. Because of the uncertainty, the WF board approved the release of half a year's funding to allow the center to continue to operate while SB ACT awaits a permanent resolution with the city.

SB PAL (Santa Barbara Police Activities League) \$110,000 –expended
Fund Renovations to their Teen Center

SB PAL received a grant to cover renovations to their Twelve35 Teen Center including courtyard accessibility, bathrooms, entry, computer room, office space, and kitchen. The project has been completed, and it has proved enormously popular, as it was projected to serve 212 clients; but the report notes 700 unduplicated clients this year. The Women's Fund supported the cost of the entire project, which aimed to improve the functionality and security of the space. The project was led by a coalition of female PAL participants under the guidance of PAL mentor and local architect, Jesiy Richards. They will be honoring the Women's Fund with a plaque in the new space.



Unity Shoppe \$75,000 – expended

Purchase Industrial Refrigerator, Freezers and Food

The Unity Shoppe grant covered the purchase of an industrial refrigerator, four freezers, five dollies, and high-protein food with which to stock the appliances. The purchases have been made, and all are in full use. The Unity Shoppe estimates that the project will benefit 5,000 unduplicated clients during the first year of full operation. They have installed plaques on the equipment to acknowledge the Women's Fund contribution and have featured the gift in their newsletters, on social media and on their website.

2022 grantee: Follow up

Girls Inc. of Carpinteria \$100,000 – expended - two-year grant

Fund a Licensed Therapist

Girls Inc. received a two-year grant to fund a licensed therapist to provide therapy sessions for 200 girls and their parents. The agency had difficulty finding and then retaining a licensed therapist, so the Internal staff initially tried to fill in. In June of 2024 Girls Inc. was successful in hiring a new mental health wellness specialist who holds an MSW. Girls Inc. has now expended all of the grant funds, and they have met their projected number of girls to be served.