



2018-19 Grants – Final Year-End Report Summary

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Alpha Resource Center of Santa Barbara (\$65,000)

Community Need Addressed: Family Support Services

This grant funded the purchase of a new custom Toyota van, with an easy-to-operate platform, accommodating one wheelchair and three passengers or two wheelchairs and one passenger.

The new van was delivered in June 2019 and began service in August. It was purchased for less than budgeted at \$48,028, and remaining grant funds are being used for ongoing vehicle maintenance. During the first year, the van served approximately 100 participants (an average of 40 each month) with new opportunities for outings in the community including volunteer service, job crews, recreation activities and life-skills enhancing activities. Along with access to enriching community activities, the van has helped ensure participants a means for safe and prompt evacuation in the event of an emergency. Due to COVID-19, Alpha's day program was required to close at the end of March 2020. As service delivery of their program changes, Alpha will continue to rely heavily on the van to provide remote based services and off campus activities to participants from their homes.

CALM -Child Abuse Listening and Mediation (\$55,000)

Community Need Addressed: Mental Health, Early Childhood Education, Family Support Services

This grant paid 80% of the cost for a full-time, specially-trained CALM therapist to provide mental-health counseling to families who needed extended therapeutic services based on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) screening. The project is a collaboration of CALM, Carpinteria Children's Project and the Carpinteria Health Care Center. Grant funds have been fully expended.

It was anticipated 40 families would benefit from this program. In total, 27 individuals received therapy from CALM at the Carpinteria Family Resource Center and 40 families (40 parents and 36 children) participated in multiple 10-session parenting groups about ACEs and resilience. ACEs awareness in Carpinteria led to increased opportunities for education in the community including meetings with Head Start, Promotores and parent groups. Referrals for therapy have increased since March when stay-at-home orders due to COVID-19 were placed. CALM has been able to continue services relatively uninterrupted through the use of video conferencing and Zoom parenting courses. Moving forward, the program has a small amount of funding from

Cottage Health's Population Health Initiative to continue therapy for individual clients with ACEs referred by Carpinteria Public Health Clinic. The search for commensurate funding is ongoing.

Catholic Charities of Santa Barbara (\$50,000)

Community Need Addressed: Family Support Services, Food & Nutrition, Housing Assistance

This grant paid for a new 40-year roof and repairs to water-damaged floor at the Thrift Store.

Catholic Charities new Thrift Store roof was completed in November 2019. Of the \$50,000 grant awarded, \$49,240 was expended on the reroofing, a change order and electrical removal; the \$760 remaining will be used for floor cleaning and painting. Staff report they no longer have leakage onto their store items nor need to mop pooled water after every rain. They are now completing the second part of their renovation, which is to change the old insulation, paint throughout, knock out walls to enlarge the store and re-paint the floor.

Family Service Agency (\$65,000)

Community Need Addressed: Family Support Services

This grant expanded the Holistic Defense Program by providing a second part-time (75%) social worker assigned to Santa Barbara County Public Defenders office to work exclusively with 55 women and their children. Grant funds have been fully expended.

Of the 55 women goal, 47 have received holistic services thus far. All have had complex needs and histories of trauma: 26 were experiencing homelessness, 28 were dealing with substance abuse, and 29 were living with a mental illness. The program has protected women from incarceration and connected them with services to help with substance abuse disorder and mental illness. The women have been assisted with intensive support integrating back into the community, securing housing and employment and reuniting with their children and families. Data is still being collected by the Public Defender's Office to demonstrate the project's anticipated impact on the stability of the women, because clients need to have exited the program in order to record the data. An additional result of the program was that FSA's social worker and clinical supervisor met with the District Attorney's Victim Witness Program to help develop diversion opportunities for victims of sex trafficking.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created challenges for serving these clients. Before the stay-at-home order, the FSA social worker would meet an average of two to three times per week with the women being served. To protect everyone's health, meetings were quickly transitioned to Telehealth services – using secure phone or video applications to assist clients remotely. Most of the women were able to adapt, yet some were in need of technology to receive services. The lack of face-to-face communication creates an additional barrier in establishing trust with vulnerable people. The women currently receiving services will continue to do so after the grant period, however it is uncertain how the additional social worker supported by the Women's Fund grant will continue to be funded. The Holistic Defense Program is included in agency grant funding applications for general operating support, and FSA continues to work with the Public Defender's Office to explore options for expanding holistic practice in support of women eligible for public legal defense.

Isla Vista Youth Projects (\$55,000)

Community Need Addressed: Family Support Services

This grant funded the expansion of IVYP's Family Advocate Program by providing a full-time Family Advocate to serve in three additional Title 1 low-income Goleta Union School District elementary schools. Grant funds have been fully expended.

Funds from the Women's Fund grant helped IVYP serve 101 unduplicated site-based clients and provide 553 resource and referral services and 46 Health Fair follow-ups. Of total direct service clients, 40% were families with children aged 0-5. The family advocate initially hired for this position, resigned in December 2019 to attend graduate school. A new advocate was hired in January 2020 prior to the closure of schools in March due to COVID-19. The outreach work and partnership with GUSD has continued and deepened, however it is done virtually online and over the phone. IVYP's food distribution to clients increased 400% in the last quarter; 1,285 individuals were provided food between April and June. Without access to technology, many IVYP clients are separated from resources, community and education. IVYP has partnered with organizations like Equalitech to help families with technology needs and is working directly with families to help with unemployment, CALFresh and housing applications.

IVYP reports that COVID-19 is creating unprecedented stress on their organization. At a time when their services are needed more than ever, their contract revenue is being cut. Local schools are currently deciding whether or not "visitors", such as Family Advocates, will be allowed on campus. An inability to be on campus will mean redefining the role of the Family Advocate and current partnership with GUSD. They have secured some funding to continue this program, however it is offered free to the community and always runs at a deficit. Fundraising, contracts and other program income are used to support the program each year.

People Assisting the Homeless (PATH-SB) (\$50,000)

Community Need Addressed: Homelessness/Housing Assistance

This grant paid to purchase and install 50 new steel-framed beds and 50 bug-resistant, waterproof, easy to sanitize mattresses for the women's section of the homeless shelter, plus costs to dismantle and dispose of old beds. Grant funds have been fully expended.

PATH's women's dorm remodel will serve 188 unduplicated women during the first year of operations. As of June 30, the project was 75% complete with installation of the equipment and the last of the new bed frames scheduled for delivery on July 17, 2020. Before the Women's Fund investment, bed bugs were a chronic issue for PATH that they were unable to manage with temporary interventions. The new beds have eradicated the bedbug problem, providing women residents a safe, clean and serene place to temporarily call home as they work toward housing and other program goals. PATH will also receive approximately \$300k from the County of Santa Barbara for new flooring and painting in addition to bathroom renovations.

Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics (\$70,000)

Community Need Addressed: Health Care

This grant paid for two Compact Wheelchair Platforms for use in SBNC Dental Clinics in Santa Barbara and Goleta. Grant funds have been fully expended.

The wheelchair platforms have been purchased and installed. Wheelchair bound patients and those who are physically unable to fit in a standard dental chair are being served safely and with dignity using the new platforms. Services are provided without having to remove patients from their wheelchairs to a standard dental chair and without the uncomfortable challenge of moving their personal equipment such as oxygen tanks. From July 2019 through April 2020, a total of 21,558 service encounters were provided at SBNC's Goleta (9 chairs) and Santa Barbara Eastside (6 chairs) dental clinics (approximately 1,400 per chair).

Sarah House (\$95,000)

Community Need Addressed: Health Care

This grant funded a complete renovation of the kitchen, including new appliances, plumbing, counters, cabinets and flooring. Grant funds have been fully expended.

The total cost of this project was \$95,830. Discounts were received on flooring and appliances. The only problem encountered was a mold remediation discovered post demo. The new kitchen has two sinks providing for greater efficiency. One sink is used for food preparation and the other for washing dishes. A larger kitchen island saves prep time, and their new double oven stove allows for more home-baked treats for residents and their families. Sarah House not only houses residents, but ministers to their family and friends as well. Forty-two residents were served over the past year. This is fewer than normally served, because half of the residents were long term.

Transition House (\$80,000)

Community Need Addressed: Homelessness

This grant provided emergency bridge funding to help maintain emergency shelter services for 250 family members during the fiscal year. Grant funds have been fully expended.

The Women's Fund grant provided Transition House with bridge funding to continue services for families at the same level as before federal funding cuts. The agency has been successful in securing future sustaining funds through the County and City of Santa Barbara, two private foundations, increased income from their annual lunch and private donations. Since receiving the grant, Transition House has served 482 people in all of its programs; of those, 337 (91 families) have utilized its homeless shelter with 72 percent of those families moving on to permanent housing solutions. The agency reports positive response from its participation in the Grants in Action forum. Women's Fund members attended tours after the forum, volunteered at the shelter and invited the director to speak to their groups. *"We have received funding from the Women's Fund in the past, but the relationship benefits of this particular grant cycle have been outstanding."* – Kathleen Bauschke

Grantees have used the following methods to publicize their Women's Fund grants:

- Signage on van
- Plaque at thrift store entrance
- Plaque in newly remodeled kitchen
- Facebook
- Agency website
- LinkedIn
- Press releases appearing in Noozhawk, SB County newsletter, SB Family Life
- Mention in SB Lawyer Magazine
- Print newsletters
- E-newsletters
- Link in newsletter to WF forum video
- WF logo and link included on agency webpage
- Board meetings
- Campaign meetings
- Impact reports mailed to stakeholders
- Collateral materials published for patients and community organizations
- Speaking engagements
- Annual fundraisers
- Annual reports
- WF recognized in power point used for agency outreach to schools, districts, organizations, funders, government agencies and community groups