



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE
Program Committee Meeting
December 07, 2021
5:00 P.M.**

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Directors Present via Video Conference	District Staff Present via Video Conference	Absent
Chair Evett PerezGil Vice-President Karen Borja	Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, Chief Executive Officer Chris Christensen, CAO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health Meghan Kane, Senior Program Officer, Public Health Erica Huskey, Administrative and Program Assistant Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board	Director Carmina Zavala

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Chair PerezGil.	
II. Approval of Agenda	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	Moved and seconded by Vice-President Borja and Chair PerezGil to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
III. Meeting Minutes 1. October 12, 2021	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the October 12, 2021, meeting minutes.	Moved and seconded by Vice-President Borja and Director PerezGil to approve the October 12, 2021, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
IV. Public Comment	There were no public comments.	
V. Old Business 1. Clear Impact Platform/Results Based Accountability (RBA) – UPDATE	Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, provided an overview of Clear Impact Performance Management Software Services to develop measurements, dashboards, and scorecards, further explaining the preliminary meeting with a representative to determine the potential impact, review of the district’s strategies with a draft scorecard to establish the	



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<p>2. Funding Requests Update</p> <p>3. Grant Payment Schedule</p>	<p>specifics. A more in-depth meeting with the CEO and Chief of Community Engagement is scheduled to establish a timeframe.</p> <p>Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions related to the funding requests update with Vice-President Borja inquiring about the University of California Riverside (UCR) School of Medicine’s (SOM) letter of intent. Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the details of the funding request with an upcoming proposal conference for additional information, such as restorative circles related to behavioral health, as well as a similarity to an expansion of UCR SOM’s mini-grant for COVID-related mental health and trauma care for Latinx and agricultural worker communities.</p> <p>Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions on the grant payment schedule with a discussion led by Vice-President Borja concerning Lifestream’s successful COVID convalescent plasma and its effectiveness for extracting antibodies from COVID positive individuals.</p>	
<p>VI. Program Updates</p>		

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<p>1. Progress and Final Reports Update</p>	<p>Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions on the most recent progress and final reports.</p>	
<p>VII. Grant Funding Requests</p> <p>1. #1296 Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine: <i>Improving Access to Healthcare Services</i> – \$154,094</p>	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the \$154k grant request from Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) - a two-part grant to partner with the Housing Coalition of Coachella Valley to operate telehealth mobile pop-up clinics in Desert Hot Springs and Mecca. The funding will assist with engaging a part-time medical assistant in Desert Hot Springs and Mecca – the locations of the mobile clinics – to connect patients to telehealth at VIM in Indio. The other component of the grant is similar to the continuation of prior funding for uninsured and undocumented patients at VIM to resume payment of services as the only free clinic in the Coachella Valley.</p> <p>Doug Morin, Executive Director, VIM, explained that during the pandemic VIM produced considerable technology for telehealth visits, and funding will assist with progressing with a medical assistant at the remote locations and establishing telehealth appointments with the VIM physicians.</p>	<p>Moved and seconded by Vice-President Borja and Chair PerezGil to approve Grant #1296 – Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine: <i>Improving Access to Healthcare Services</i> – \$154,094 and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>VIII. Committee Members Comments</p>	<p>Vice-President Borja explained the various events in the Coachella Valley with our partners and grantees inquiring</p>	

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	<p>about sponsorships and requesting invites for their appreciation beyond monetary funding.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the Strategic Planning Committee meeting concerning pending grant applications determined as a moderate priority since they are not related to the strategic plan. The Program Committee will be discussing these grants at a later date, which will also merit further discussion amongst the entire board.</p>	
<p>IX. Adjournment</p>	<p>Chair PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</i></p>

ATTEST: _____

Evet PerezGil, Chair/Director
Program Committee

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board

Goal 2: Proactively expand community access to primary and specialty care services

2.1 Provide funding to support an increase in the number of primary care and specialty professionals

Possible Performance Measures:

- # of primary providers (FTE metric)
- # of specialty care service providers (FTE metric)
- # of residency positions for primary and specialty care services
- # of fellowship positions for primary and specialty care services
- # of scholarships awarded to students pursuing education in a healthcare related field
 - Captures both postsecondary and other formal education paths

2.2 Provide funding to support an increase in the number of clinics and needed programs in geographically targeted markets and the days and hours that they operate

Possible Performance Measures:

- # of healthcare settings offering services outside of traditional (8:00 – 5:00pm M-F) business hours
- # of healthcare organizations creating health access points in geographically targeted markets
- # of programs addressing barriers to access to care in geographically targeted markets

2.3 Provide funding support to community organizations providing expanded mobile primary and specialty care services

Possible Performance Measures:

- # of mobile units in operation
- # of additional mobile unit locations increasing healthcare access points
- # of new services provided on or with established mobile units
 - Dental component, BH component, insurance enrollment, SDoH screenings, supportive services, etc.
- # of clients reached through mobile unit services
- # of mobile healthcare settings offering services outside of traditional (8:00 – 5:00pm M-F) business hours

2.4 Provide funding support and evaluation to community organizations providing primary and specialty care via telehealth

Possible outcomes/indicators/performance measures:

- # of available telehealth hubs with connectivity and infrastructure
- # of clients served via telehealth visits
- # of clients referred to additional services (whole-person care)

2.5 Collaborate/partner with culturally-competent training programs to expand primary care residency and nursing programs with required retention initiatives

Possible Performance Measures:

- # of healthcare workforce settings that incorporate culturally competent training

- OR # of service providers who received cultural competency training

2.6 Collaborate/partner with RUHS to increase the number of public health initiatives, including but not limited to: COVID-19, obesity, sex education, drug use/addiction, and nutrition

Possible Performance Measures:

- # of collaborations with Riverside University Health System around public health initiatives
- # of community organizations partnering on public health initiatives
- Initiative: Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative
 - # of initiative partners
 - # of educational outreach events (indirect)
 - # of direct service events
 - # of individuals who were connected to services through direct service events (I.E. those who received a vaccine doses or test)
 - # of individuals who were connected to resources through direct service events

2.7 Utilize an equity lens to expand services and resources to underserved communities

Possible Performance Measures:

- # of individuals who were connected to primary and specialty healthcare services in underserved communities
 - Preventative screenings, direct health services, etc.
- # of individuals who were connected to primary and specialty healthcare resources in underserved communities
 - Financial assistance, case management, etc.
- # of primary and specialty healthcare service locations in underserved communities

Goal 3: Proactively expand community access to behavioral/mental health services

3.1 Provide funding to support an increase in the number of behavioral/mental health professionals (includes training)

Possible Performance Measures:

- # of behavioral/mental health service professionals
- # of internship positions for behavioral/mental health service professionals
- # of residency positions for behavioral/mental health service professionals
- # of fellowship positions for behavioral/mental health service professionals
- # of scholarships awarded to students pursuing education in a healthcare related field
 - Captures both postsecondary and other formal education paths

3.2 Provide funding to CBOs to support and increase in the number of days and hours of operation of behavioral/mental health services

Possible Performance Measures:

- # of healthcare settings offering behavioral/mental healthcare services outside of traditional (8:00 – 5:00pm M-F) business hours (including mobile)

- # of programs addressing barriers to access to behavioral/mental healthcare in geographically targeted markets
- # of individuals who were connected to behavioral/mental healthcare services

3.3 Provide funding to CBOs enabling an increase in the number and the geographic dispersion of sites providing behavioral/mental health service

Possible Performance Measures:

- # of healthcare organizations creating behavioral/mental healthcare access points in geographically targeted markets (as defined and including mobile)
- # of individuals who were connected to behavioral/mental healthcare services
 - Preventative screenings, counseling, therapy, etc.

3.4 Provide funding support to CBOs providing telebehavioral/mental health services

Possible Performance Measures:

- # of available telehealth hubs with connectivity and infrastructure providing a connection to behavioral/mental healthcare services
- # of clients served via behavioral/mental healthcare telehealth visits
- # of clients referred to additional services (whole-person care)

3.5 Work with the new private psychiatric and community hospitals to identify opportunities to collaborative on the delivery of community-based behavioral/mental health services (payer mix)

Possible Performance Measures:

- # of collaborative partners working on the delivery of community-based behavioral/mental healthcare services
- # of individuals who were connected to direct patient care

3.6 Educate community residents on available behavioral/mental health resources

Possible Performance Measures:

- # of community awareness activities related to educating the community around behavioral/mental health services and resources
- # of individuals reached through behavioral/mental healthcare community awareness activities (indirect)
- # of individuals who were connected to behavioral/mental health services and resources (direct)

3.7 Collaborate/partner with community providers to enhance access to culturally-sensitive behavioral/mental health services

Possible Performance Measures:

- # of new collaborative partnerships established to enhance access to culturally-sensitive behavioral/mental health services
- # of service providers who received cultural competency training

New Grant Requests/Updates; Grants Team Review and Recommendations; Next Steps (December 2021)
 The following LOIs (Letter of Interest) and/or Applications have been received and reviewed or under review by the Grants Team (Alejandro, Meghan, Jana, Erica, Vanessa, Chris, Eric, Donna) and Chief Executive Officer

Agency	Grant # & Project Title	Amount and Timeline	Description of what funds would support	Results of grants team review	Status	Nexus to 2022 5-year Strategic Plan
Desert Cancer Foundation	LOI: #1289 <i>Patient Assistance Program</i>	\$150,000 one year	Through the Patient Assistance Program, DCF will make payments to the healthcare providers, on behalf of qualified (means-tested) low-income individuals residing in the District region, to cover the costs of screening, diagnosis, and vital treatment of cancer and its allied diseases. The funds will cover insurance premiums and		Stage 2, the application, has been generated. Application on 12/7/21 Program Committee agenda for review and consideration to forward to the board for approval.	<i>Strong nexus to the high priority goals of Goal #2 (Proactively expand community access to primary health care and specialty health care services)/Strategy #2.7: Utilize an equity lens to expand services and resources to underserved communities</i>

			deductibles, co-pays/co-insurance, Medic-Cal Share of Cost, prescription medications, including IV infusions, chemo and radiation therapies. A portion of the funds will also cover staff wages to help run the program.			
UCR SOM	<i>LOI #1301 Community-based interventions to mitigate psychological trauma and mental health disparities in immigrant communities in the COVID-19 pandemic</i>	\$113,376 one year (start date January 2022)	Funds will pay for community capacity building (2 trainings), stipends for mental health professionals and promotores to facilitate restorative circles, compensation for promotores, participant incentives for	Reviewed by grant team	LOI review meeting scheduled for December 2nd	<i>Possible nexus to Goal #3: Proactively expand community access to behavioral/mental health services</i>

			qualitative interviews, and salary support.			
Vision to Learn	LOI #1302 <i>Vision to Learn – Desert Sands and CV Unified School Districts</i>	\$25,000 for one year After LOI review staff is recommending \$50,000 for one year (start date will be February 2022)	Funds will support a portion of salaries of opticians, optometrists and other program staff; eyeglasses, supplies and some mobile unit expenses	Reviewed by grant team with proposal meeting held November 30 th	Stage 2, the application, has been generated with the recommendation to increase the request amount from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Anticipated to bring full proposal to Program Committee at 1/11/22 meeting	<i>nexus to the high priority goals of Goal #2 (Proactively expand community access to primary health care and specialty health care services)/Strategy 2.3 – provide funding support to community organization’s provided expanded mobile primary and specialty care services</i>
CSUSB Street Medicine	LOI #1303 <i>Nursing Street Medicine Program</i>	\$54,056 one year (start date January 2022)	Support for faculty supervision of CSUSB PDC nursing students; provide support for a faculty member to build collaborative partnerships;	Reviewed by grants team	LOI review meeting scheduled for December 8th	<i>Possible nexus to Goal #2: Proactively expand community access to primary health care and specialty health care services</i>

			stipends for 4 nursing students			
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DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT								
OUTSTANDING GRANTS AND GRANT PAYMENT SCHEDULE								
November 30, 2021								
TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2022								
Grant ID Nos.	Name	Approved Grants - Prior Yrs	6/30/2021 Bal Fwd	Current Yr 2021-2022	Total Paid Prior Yrs July-June	Total Paid Current Yr July-June	Open BALANCE	
2014-MOU-BOD-11/21/13	Memo of Understanding CVAG CV Link Support	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 6,660,000		\$ -		\$ 6,660,000	
2019-994-BOD-05-28-19	One Future Coachella Valley - Mental Health College & Career Pathway Development - 2 Yr	\$ 700,000	\$ 148,750		\$ 148,750		\$ -	
2020-1085-BOD-05-26-20	Olive Crest Treatment Center - General Support for Mental Health Services - 1 Yr	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000		\$ -	
2020-1057-BOD-05-26-20	Desert Cancer Foundation - Patient Assistance Program - 1 Yr	\$ 150,000	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000		\$ -	
2020-1139-BOD-09-22-20	CSU San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus Street Medicine Program - 1 Yr	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,000		\$ (528)		\$ 5,528	
	Unexpended funds Grant #1139						\$ (5,528)	
2020-1135-BOD-11-24-20	Hope Through Housing Foundation - Family Resilience - 1 Yr	\$ 20,000	\$ 2,000		\$ -		\$ 2,000	
2020-1149-BOD-12-15-20	Voices for Children - Court Appointed Special Advocate Program - 1 Yr	\$ 40,000	\$ 22,000		\$ 18,000		\$ 4,000	
2021-1136-BOD-01-26-21	Ronald McDonald House Charities - Temporary Housing & Family Support Services - 1 Yr	\$ 119,432	\$ 65,688		\$ 53,744		\$ 11,944	
2021-1147-BOD-01-26-21	Alzheimer's Association - Critical Program Support - 1 Yr	\$ 33,264	\$ 18,295		\$ 14,969		\$ 3,326	
2021-1162-BOD-01-26-21	Joslyn Center - Wellness Center Program Support - 1 Yr	\$ 109,130	\$ 60,022		\$ 49,108		\$ 10,914	
2021-1170-BOD-02-23-21	Jewish Family Services - Mental Health Counseling for Underserved Residents - 1 yr	\$ 80,000	\$ 44,000		\$ 36,000		\$ 8,000	
2021-1141-BOD-03-23-21	Martha's Village & Kitchen - Homeless Housing With Wrap Around Services - 1 Yr	\$ 210,905	\$ 115,998		\$ -		\$ 115,998	
2021-1171-BOD-03-23-21	Blood Bank of San Bernardino/Riverside Counties - Bloodmobiles for Coachella Valley - 18 Months	\$ 150,000	\$ 82,500		\$ 67,500		\$ 15,000	
2021-1174-BOD-03-23-21	Mizell Center - Geriatric Case Management Program	\$ 100,000	\$ 55,000		\$ 45,000		\$ 10,000	
2021-1266-BOD-04-27-21	Galilee Center - Our Lady of Guadalupe Shelter - 1 yr	\$ 150,000	\$ 82,500		\$ 67,500		\$ 15,000	
2021-1277-BOD-04-27-21	Lift To Rise - United Lift Rental Assistance 2021 - 8 Months	\$ 300,000	\$ 210,000		\$ 180,000		\$ 30,000	
2021-1280-BOD-05-25-21	Desert AIDS Project - DAP Health Expands Access to Healthcare - 1yr	\$ 100,000	\$ 55,000		\$ -		\$ 55,000	
2021-21-02-BOD-06-22-21	Carry over of remaining Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Funds	\$ 1,854,873	\$ 1,854,873		\$ 154,094		\$ 1,700,779	
2021-1296-BOD-11-23-21	Coachella Valley Volunteers In Medicine - Improving Access to Healthcare Services - 1yr			\$ 154,094		\$ -	\$ 154,094	
						\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL GRANTS		\$ 14,217,604	\$ 9,501,626	\$ 154,094	\$ 854,137	\$ -	\$ 8,796,055	
Amts available/remaining for Grant/Programs - FY 2021-22:								
Amount budgeted 2021-2022			\$ 4,000,000					
Amount granted through November 30, 2021:			\$ (154,094)					
Mini Grants:	1293; 1294		\$ (10,000)				2281	\$ 4,990,000
Financial Audits of Non-Profits			\$ -					
Net adj - Grants not used:	FY20-21 Funds, 1124, 1139		\$ 1,873,147				Total	\$ 8,796,055
Matching external grant contributions			\$ -					\$ (0)
Balance available for Grants/Programs			\$ 5,709,053					



DESERT HEALTHCARE
DISTRICT & FOUNDATION

Date: December 7, 2021
To: Program Committee
Subject: Grant #1171 LIFESTREAM (aka Blood Bank of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties) – *Bloodmobiles for the Coachella Valley*

Staff Recommendation: Consideration to forward to the Board of Directors an approval of a modification to the approved grant budget of \$150,000 by transferring \$30,000 from the line item budget category *COVID ANTIBODIES TEST KITS* to line item budget category *ONE BLOODMOBILE*. (Please see budget attached with highlighted transfer changes)

Background:

- On March 23, 2021 the Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors approved an award of \$150,000 to LifeStream Blood Bank with the purpose to offset the purchase of a bloodmobile and the purchase of 12,000 COVID antibody test kits.
- Due to several factors listed in LifeStream’s letter request (please see attached), the organization does not anticipate conducting the volume of COVID-19 antibodies testing that had been forecasted in the original grant application approved by the District’s board of directors.
- LifeStream expects to only test approximately 125 blood donations per month for the presence of COVID antibodies instead of the 1,000 per month originally projected.
- To date, LifeStream has spent approximately \$30,000 of the approved \$60,000 on COVID testing and would like to move the balance of \$30,000 to help cover the cost of the District-funded bloodmobile.

Current:

- Per Section 17 of the Desert Healthcare District’s board and legal counsel-approved grant contract states, in part, as follows:

Changes or Modifications to the Use of DISTRICT Grant Funds

*RECIPIENT shall submit to DISTRICT, in writing, any requests for proposed changes in the use of DISTRICT grant funds. DISTRICT must receive such requests at least thirty (30) days prior to the date the proposed changes are to be implemented and **the proposed changes shall be subject to DISTRICT Board approval.***

- LifeStream has submitted a formal request. Please see attached letter and revised budget.

Fiscal Impact: no fiscal impact as grant dollars had been awarded in FY 20/21.

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WE HELP SAVE LIVES BY CONNECTING DONORS
AND PATIENTS THROUGH THE GIFT OF BLOOD.

November 16, 2021

Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer
Desert Healthcare District & Foundation
1140 N. Indian Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Dear Donna:

As a follow-up to my correspondence and our recent conversation, I'm writing to provide you with an update regarding the status of Goal #1 of our grant and to request staff and Board approval to reallocate funding from one program to another item partially funded by the grant.

As previously reported in our September 2021 update, from 4/1/21 to 6/30/21, we tested 3,205 Coachella Valley blood donations for the presence of COVID antibodies—primarily to let donors know if they had been exposed to the virus. If donors tested positive for COVID antibodies, their blood donations were tested a second time to determine if they could donate plasma in support of our COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma (CCP) Program. Approximately 2,642 donations were tested a second time during the reporting period. Of the \$60,000 allocated for COVID testing, \$29,208 was spent on testing during this reporting period.

In late June, due to ample supply of COVID Convalescent Plasma (CCP) throughout the country and a subsequent drop in demand for CCP by hospitals, COVID antibodies testing was suspended at blood centers nationwide. Due to the spike in COVID infections and hospitalizations over the summer months, primarily due to the Delta variant, COVID-19 antibodies testing was resumed by blood collection organizations in September. This change allowed LifeStream to resume COVID antibodies testing and our CCP Program.

However, as a result of several factors that disqualify donors from participating in the CCP program, including COVID vaccinations, we anticipate testing a fraction of the 1,000 blood donations per month that were forecast when our grant was originally submitted and approved. As an example, we only performed COVID antibodies testing on 117 blood donations from September 1 through November 10, which cost us less than \$300 per month. Obviously, this substantial reduction in testing will result in a significant surplus of funding for this item.

To date, we have spent approximately \$30,000 on COVID testing. We respectfully request approval to use the remaining \$30,000 of funding earmarked for our COVID testing program to help cover the cost of the DHCD funded bloodmobile. This reallocation of funds would bring

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DHCD's total investment in the new bloodmobile to \$120,000 which is approximately half the cost of the \$250,000 bus.

I understand this change will require approval of the committee and Board of Directors. Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you need any more information from me or my colleagues to facilitate approval of this funding reallocation request.

Regards,



Dan Ballister

Director of Community Development

LifeStream Blood Bank

909-677-0136

dballister@lstream.org

Line Item Budget Operational Costs

PROGRAM OPERATIONS		Total Program/Project Budget	Funds from Other Sources Detail on sheet 3	Amount Requested from DHCD
Total Staffing Costs Detail on sheet 2				0
Equipment (itemize)				
1	One bloodmobile	250000	160000	90000
2				120000
3				0
4				0
Supplies (itemize)				
1	12,000 COVID Antibodies Test Kits	60000	0	60000
2				30000
3				0
4				0
Printing/Duplication				
Mailing/Postage				
Travel/Mileage				
Education/Training				
Office/Rent/Mortgage				
Telephone/Fax/Internet				
Utilities				
Insurance				
Other facility costs not described above (itemize)				
1				0
2				0
3				0
4				0
Other program costs not described above (itemize)				
1				0
2				0
3				0
4				0
Total Program Budget		310000	160000	150000
Budget Narrative	<p>LifeStream Blood Bank needs to purchase a new bloodmobile, which costs \$250,000, to replace an older bloodmobile that will be "retired" soon because it will no longer meet state and federal vehicle emissions standards. The new bloodmobile will serve the Coachella Valley including the underserved population who reside in the eastern portion of Riverside County. Bloodmobiles are an essential component of LifeStream's blood collections plan. In a typical year, LifeStream conducts approximately 700 mobile blood drives in the Coachella Valley to supplement collection efforts at its La Quinta and Rancho Mirage blood centers. Bloodmobiles are also crucial to LifeStream's commitment to make it convenient for donors to give the gift of blood. In 2020, LifeStream began testing donors' blood for COVID-19 antibodies. The offer to test blood donations for COVID antibodies proved to be an effective incentive to recruit blood donors during the height of the pandemic. Testing let donors know if they had been infected with the virus and helped LifeStream identify people who might be able to donate COVID convalescent plasma. Convalescent plasma is used by local hospitals and medical centers to treat patients seriously-ill from the virus.</p>			



Date: 12/07/2021

To: Program Committee – District

Subject: Progress and Final Grant Reports 11/1/21 – 11/30/21

The following progress and final grant reports are included in this staff report:

OneFuture #994

Grant term: 6/01/19 – 5/31/21

Original Approved Amount: \$700,000.

Final report covering the time period from: 6/01/19 – 5/31/21

CSUSB #1139

Grant term: 10/01/20 – 9/30/21

Original Approved Amount: \$50,000.

Final report covering the time period from: 10/01/20 – 9/30/21

Galilee Center #1266

Grant term: 5/01/2021 – 4/30/2022

Original Approved Amount: \$150,000.

Progress report covering the time period from: 5/01/21 – 10/31/21

Lift To Rise #1277

Grant term: 5/01/21 – 12/31/21

Original Approved Amount: \$300,000.

Progress report covering the time period from: 8/01/21 – 10/31/2021

OneFuture Coachella Valley, Grant#: 994

Mental Health College and Career Pathway Development Initiative

Reporting Period: Final Report: 6/1/2019-5/31/2021

Paul Olson

Tel: (760) 989-4211

paul@onefuturecv.org

Grant Information

Grant Amount: \$700,000

Paid to date: \$630,000

Balance: \$70,000

Proposed Goals and Evaluation

The specific benefits or measurable impact to be achieved by (5/31/2021):

- By the end of the grant, two (2) high schools will add a Behavioral Health pathway resulting in a minimum of 60 additional students annually exposed to mental health careers. - By the end of the grant, four (4) presentations on Mindfully Resilient curriculum and resources are provided to professionals in CVUSD, DSUSD and PSUSD. - By the end of the grant, three (3) schools pilot a school-wide behavioral health wellness practices and career awareness programs. -By the end of the grant, up to forty (40) behavioral health undergraduate and graduate students will have been awarded up to \$200,000 in scholarships; completed a C2 Navigator profile and scholarship application; been assigned a Behavioral Health A-Team mentor; completed a college and career plan; completed a financial aid package review and plan; achieved 90% persistence and 90% on track for degree completion. - By the end of the grant, a minimum of twelve (12) undergraduate students pursuing Behavioral Health related majors will have completed a 10-week, paid summer internship; completed four (4) of five (5) leadership workshops and agreed to participate in a minimum of two (2) web-based or 1:1 interactions during the academic year following their internship.

The Behavioral Health Alignment Team (BH A-Team) will monitor and track outcome progress at their monthly meetings beginning June 2019 and regularly report to the Regional Plan Oversight Team throughout the grant term. OFCV staff will evaluate student scholar progress and report progress to the Behavioral Health Alignment Team.

Specific timeline targets include:

June 2019: BH A-Team will establish baseline for the number of academies

implementing behavioral health pathways and measure the increase in May 2020 and May 2021.

September 2019: BH A-Team will affirm OFCV/HCC internship completion by six (6) students at Behavioral Health sites.

December 2019: BH A-Team will package Mindfully Resilient curriculum and resources, and frame presentation schedule to be complete by Fall 2020.

April 2020: Continuing through end of grant, academic progress will be affirmed by OFCV counselors every six months and at the end of the grant period.

May 2020: BH A-Team will affirm that at least one school has piloted a school-wide behavioral health wellness practices and career awareness program and identify two additional to launch program during the 2020-2021 school year.

September 2020: BH A-Team will affirm OFCV/HCC internship completion by six (6) students at Behavioral Health sites.

Proposed number of District residents to be served:

0-5: 0

6-17: 2,000

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25-64: 0

65 or more: 0

Proposed geographic area(s) served:

All District Areas
Cathedral City
Coachella
Desert Hot Springs
Indio

Final Progress:

Final Outcomes:

By the end of the grant, two (2) high schools will add a Behavioral Health pathway resulting in a minimum of 60 additional students annually exposed to mental health careers.

- Cathedral City High School health academy added a behavioral health focus, introducing 272 students to behavioral health careers, and Palm Desert High School is adding a behavioral health focus for the 2021/2022 school year, which will impact an additional 78 students annually. Palm Desert had begun to add a behavioral health focus in spring 2020, but the health academy lead teacher was on extended medical leave through the 2020/2021 school year, so that addition was delayed until this academic year. These two programs join Coachella Valley High School and Indio High School, which were the first to add a behavioral health pathway focus. Between these four programs, an average of 592 high school students will be introduced to behavioral health related careers annually. La Quinta High School Health Academy and Desert Hot Springs High School Education Academy faculty joined the Behavioral Health Workforce A-Team in 2021 and are exploring ways to incorporate behavioral health careers information into their programs.
- The Behavioral Health Workforce A-Team also piloted a “Bridge to Behavioral Health Careers” program in spring 2020 to mentor high school seniors and college undergraduate students as they pursue behavioral health post-secondary pathway programs. COVID-19 intervened and the bridge program launched with a small number of students. Students who participated in the inaugural program year are informing the 2021/2022 program design.
- A number of virtual resources were developed by the team to support student career exploration during this grant period, including a partnership with the CA Health Workforce Initiative to update the behavioral health education and careers maps originally designed by this team. The new resources have been published in the CA-HWI careers curriculum and made available on the CA-HWI website, as well as on OneFuture’s Pathways to Careers in Behavioral Health website. In addition, the Behavioral Health A-Team hosted a Mental Health Matters webinar series in May 2020 and May 2021, resulting in roughly six hours of video content specific to behavioral health careers and education pathways. All videos are posted on OneFuture Coachella Valley’s YouTube channel and on OneFuture’s Regional Plan portal’s Mindfully Resilient page. (<https://portal.onefuturecv.org/mindfully-resilient>). The 2020 series featured four sessions, including “Exploring Careers in Mental Health”, “Careers and Community College Pathways” and “Careers and University Pathways”. The 2021 series featured six wellness topic presentations and interviews with twelve local behavioral health professionals sharing brief stories of their individual career paths. All of these resources are now part of an expanding virtual library for teachers and students.
- CSUSB announced in spring 2021 that they are bringing their Social Work Degree program to the Palm Desert campus, which is an exciting pathway addition for local students. Currently, students at the main campus are able to earn a 5-year BA/MA degree in Social Work, and ultimately this will be available to Coachella Valley students at our local campus.

By the end of the grant, four (4) presentations on Mindfully Resilient curriculum and resources are provided to professionals in CVUSD, DSUSD and PSUSD.

- The Mindfully Resilient curriculum resource library was shared five (5) times via presentations to PSUSD, CVUSD and DSUSD counselors and staff in a variety of venues. In addition, the PowerPoint library of 10 lessons was posted in English and Spanish on the OFCV Regional Plan portal and different lessons were highlighted in the Mindful Moments e-newsletter each month.
- In addition to the original Mindfully Resilient PowerPoint library, the region was introduced to the Taking Time to B.R.E.A.T.H.E. wellness program and it was showcased during the virtual College Fair Chat series in March 2021, with a digital copy of the resource guide provided to all attendees in English and Spanish. Those resources are currently posted on the Regional Plan portal - <https://portal.onefuturecv.org/mindfully-resilient>
- Five behavioral health/wellness presentations were offered through the spring 2021 Regional College Fair Chat virtual series, including an introduction to several free resources and tools -- the virtual VIA Character Strengths Survey, Bullet Journaling and Drawing and Mindfulness tools. Those sessions are posted on OneFuture's YouTube channel and the regional college fair website.
- OneFuture Coachella Valley also utilized these resources, embedding mindfulness and wellness sessions throughout the Summer Leadership Conferences in 2020 and 2021 for all college scholars, as well as the Gents Alliance workshops for high school young men.

By the end of the grant, three (3) schools pilot a school-wide behavioral health wellness practices and career awareness programs.

- Before the pandemic closed school campuses in March 2020, Indio High School was working to establish a Calm/Meditation space on campus. Administration was working to determine available space on campus and exploring staffing options. That work was put on hold as students left campus.
- Coachella Valley High School's Health Academy established an Active Minds chapter that is open to all students, and they are using the "Year of Mindful Moments" calendar designed by the Behavioral Health A-Team to design monthly activities for their campus community.
- Health academy teachers at Coachella Valley, Indio and Cathedral City high schools expressed a need for virtual career exploration and information resources that students could access during online learning. In response, the Behavioral Health A-Team launched a Mental Health Matters webinar series.

The first series was held May 2020, featuring four (4) thirty-five minute sessions about careers in behavioral health and post-secondary education pathway programs. Six (6) behavioral health professionals and five (5) educators presented during these sessions. An expanded virtual series was created in May 2021, which featured eleven (11) local behavioral health professionals and two (2) educators sharing their “Career Path” stories. In addition, DHCD scholar Jazmine Rojas recorded six (6) mindfulness/wellness sessions. These videos are posted on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzUbOFT2gTysz2mWbfmycf4LLdhpXLl8Y>), and the Mindfully Resilient web resource page (<https://portal.onefuturecv.org/mindfully-resilient>) for ongoing access for all educators in the Coachella Valley.

- Teen Mental Health First Aid is now available to certify students under 18 and health academies at Cathedral City, Indio and Coachella Valley high schools are planning to offer the program to their students in 2022. Educators anticipate that a rollout at local schools will not happen until 2022 because educators are focused on reacclimating students to the campus environment when students return to campus in fall 2021. Offering Teen Mental Health First Aid will require that many adult staff be certified in advance of the program being offered to students so that there are enough certified adults available to support students once they experience the program.

By the end of the grant, up to forty (40) behavioral health undergraduate and graduate students will have been awarded up to \$200,000 in scholarships; completed a C2 Navigator profile and scholarship application; been assigned a Behavioral Health A-Team mentor; completed a college and career plan; completed a financial aid package review and plan; achieved 90% persistence and 90% on track for degree completion

- Nineteen students were awarded scholarships through this grant. Eighteen successfully persisted through the pandemic and one student withdrew from school due to challenges securing sufficient Wi-Fi access to participate in virtual courses.
- All students completed a C2 Navigator profile and scholarship application, all were connected to group mentoring through the Behavioral Health A-Team, all completed a college and career plan, a financial aid package review and plan and 90% achieved persistence and are on track for degree completion.

-- Irais Valenzuela: Graduated UCR 2021, BA Psychology. Career Goal: Psychotherapist

Dear One Future Coachella Valley/Desert Healthcare District,

My name is Irais Valenzuela and I am currently going into my fourth year as a psychology major at the University of California, Riverside and my end goal is to

become a psychotherapist. I plan to go to graduate school to get a masters in Mental Health Counseling. I am writing this letter to express my gratitude for being awarded this scholarship. This scholarship will allow me to continue my pursuit for higher education and to finish my bachelors degree in Psychology. In addition, it will alleviate financial worries my family and I often face since I am a twin and having two people attending college at once can be worrisome, however this scholarship will help both my family and I immensely. Once again thank you for selecting me and supporting my educational endeavors. Best, Irais Valenzuela

-- Anahis Valenzuela: Graduated UCR 2021, BA Psychology. Career Goal: Mental Health Counselor

Dear Desert Healthcare District,

I am writing this letter to let you know that I greatly appreciate the Desert Healthcare District scholarship award that you have so generously granted me. I was very pleased when I found out that I was selected to receive a scholarship. I am a fourth year Psychology major. I am majoring in psychology in order to become a Mental Health counselor to treat patients with anxiety and depression and work with patients to develop coping skills. These are goals that thanks to you I am one step closer to accomplishing. By granting me this award once again you have helped me focus more on what college is about, instead of worrying about the financial aspect of college. I am so thankful and hope that one day I can help out other individuals continue their education and achieve their goals just like you have helped me.

Best, Anahis Valenzuela

-- Jazmin Rojas-Monarez: Graduated UC Irvine 2021, BA Psychology and Social Behavior. Career Goal: Physician Assistant

Dear One Future and Desert Healthcare District,

First and foremost, thank you for taking the time to read my story and also taking the opportunity to speak with me to learn more about my efforts and dedication towards mental health. Organizations like yourself are investing towards a greater future and for that I am forever thankful. Know that your efforts are being appreciated by students like myself who depend on scholarships while on the path towards a higher education. There has never been a doubt in my mind that I am not capable of achieving anything I set my mind to, but I have accepted that setbacks are bound to occur. Year after year financial setbacks cross my path, but after successfully completing 3 years of my undergraduate schooling and securely beginning my fourth, I know I have endless support from organizations like yourselves that have been to the rescue time and time again. My tuition, board, and books are things I worry less and less about with the help of your scholarship. I have the opportunity to dedicate myself as a student and less as an employee whose main purpose is to meet ends meet. As I reach the end of my undergraduate career, I feel more and more prepared to enter the world as an educated

individual who embraces the significance of networking, worth ethic, communication, and responsibility. I am grateful for the resources I have been given as well as the encouragement that my efforts eventually pay off. My volunteer experience in the medical field has only exercised these skills and can only continue to improve. I take this last year to polish up my skills and begin the process of one day attending Western University's Masters of Science in Physician Assistant program to begin a career in Psychiatry. In the meantime, I will gain all the knowledge I can through Loma Linda's Hospital Scribes of America position by observing and practicing patient care. I look forward to building a connection between both organizations to work towards a greater Coachella Valley. By collaborating with young and old, small and large, I know that great minds who have supported the youth of the valley are creating a legacy who will eventually put the valley on the map that means more than the name of a music festival. With gratitude, Jazmin Rojas-Monarez

-- Jessenia V Ramos: Senior, CSU Chico, Pursuing BA Psychology. Exploring Grad School.

Dear Desert Healthcare District and OneFuture Coachella Valley,

I am extremely honored to have been selected as a scholarship recipient for the 2020-2021 academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to deeply thank you for your interest in my application as well as my future. I am currently a fourth year student attending California State University, Chico who plans to graduate next year with a degree in both Psychology and Criminal Justice. My family has dedicated their time and effort to ensure that my siblings and I have an opportunity at a higher education. I have and will continue to strive for academic success by earning a high GPA and hope that my hard work will allow me to graduate with honors. While attending school I have become involved in my community as much as possible. Some of the places I have been involved in include the Chico Peace and Justice Center, the Chico Boys and Girls Club, and a couple of elderly homes such as Little Chico Creek and Amber Grove Place. I truly enjoy giving back to my community and plan to give back as much as I can in the Coachella Valley once I graduate from CSU, Chico and relocate back here. Being selected to receive this scholarship has provided me with a great sense of financial relief and will allow me to shift my focus towards my schoolwork. I am excited to complete my degree and hope that in the future I am able to attend graduate school in Southern California with a focus in Psychology. My family is also extremely thankful for the Desert Healthcare and OneFuture Coachella Valley for granting me this opportunity which has helped us all financially. I cannot emphasize enough the gratitude and appreciation my family and I have experienced from being a scholarship recipient. Sincerely, Jessenia V Ramos

-- Christian Orozco: Graduated CSUSB 2021, BA Criminology. Career Goal: Law Enforcement

Desert Healthcare District & OneFuture Coachella Valley:

I would like to begin by thanking you and showing you my gratitude for investing into my education. I began my education journey at community college and successfully graduated 2019 with my Associate's Degree in Administration of Justice. I truly believe that going to community college then transferring into Cal State San Bernardino was crucial in my educational journey. My professors in community college were retired law enforcement officers and my professors now in CSUSB are all researchers who have published work and continue being researchers in the criminal justice field. These two perspectives made me realize my dreams in bettering our community and law enforcement. My future plans are to create task forces for our local police departments so we may have the necessary resources to better help our community. Have initiatives where the community knows who are the individuals that are patrolling our streets so we may not have fear or feel intimidated by their presence. Your investment is going to give me the opportunity to finish this last school year strong even with the hardships we all face this year. I have been laid off from my part-time job due to the global pandemic so focusing on my education has been my priority. Receiving this scholarship will ease the financial stress and bring me closer to achieving my dreams. Sincerely, Christian Orozco

-- Cristina Munoz Orozco. BA Candidate 2022 CSUSB. Career Goal: Bringing hope to students with disabilities, MA in Special Education

Dear Desert Healthcare District:

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Desert Healthcare District scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which will allow me to continue to pursue my dream as an elementary school teacher. As I complete my education at California State University San Bernardino, I am thankful for receiving your thoughtful gift. Because of your scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Thank you for making a dream become a reality in my life and many others who dream big. Sincerely, Cristina Munoz Orozco

-- Irianna Meza. Nursing Candidate 2022, Loma Linda University. Career Goal: Nurse

Dear Desert Healthcare District:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you. Thank you for the generosity in funding Desert Healthcare District scholarship. I am very honored to be awarded this scholarship. This is a tremendous gesture. I am a Nursing student at Loma Linda University school of nursing. I just finished my fall quarter and will be starting winter soon. You are helping me complete my education and giving me hope to keep striving for the best. Without this scholarship I would not be able to pay for my tuition. You have reduced my financial burden. Words cannot explain how thankful I am for this opportunity. You took a chance on me and believed in me. I will forever be grateful. Thank you very much for this generous contribution towards my schooling.

Sincerely, Irieanna Meza

-- Isai Martinez Rios. BA Psychology Candidate 2022, UCLA. Career Goal: Clinical Psychology

Dear Desert Healthcare District and OneFuture Coachella Valley,

I am honored to be one of the recipients of the Desert Healthcare District Scholarship. Thanks to your generous support I am the first in my family to attend college. I hope to make my family proud as I continue to push for further success. Growing up in a less privileged community has not only offered financial and academic challenges, but has also helped me realize the value of a college education. An education is what I value the most above most things in life and I will take advantage of every opportunity presented to me. I am continuing my undergraduate career as a third year transfer student at the University of California, Los Angeles and can wholeheartedly say that I am off to a great start academically and socially. My plans at this stage are to complete a major in Psychology. UCLA offers one of the finest if not the finest psychology programs in the country and I consider myself extremely privileged to be able to attend. Clinical Psychology is the field I wish to obtain a career in to give back to my community and emphasize the importance of mental health. My goal is to become an educated member of society who aids and teaches those in need. My educational pursuits would not be possible without generous support from scholarship sponsors like your organization. I appreciate this scholarship from the bottom of my heart and I will not let a single soul regret this decision. Thank you for opening up my path to success!
Sincerely, Isai Martinez Rios

-- Maritz Lojero. Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling Candidate, 2022, University of Redlands. Career Goal: Clinical Counseling

To Desert Healthcare District:

I would like to express my gratitude for selecting me to be a 2020-2021 Desert Healthcare District scholarship recipient. Being awarded with a scholarship is a true honor and blessing. With your help, my graduate school tuition will not be such a burden. I hope that in the future, I will be able to give back to our community of the Coachella Valley, once I obtain my Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, and provide mental health services for those suffering from mental illnesses. I assure you that I will not let you down and that I will use your scholarship in a rightful manner. Thank you for all you do and for supporting students like me, with a dream of making the world a better place and enhancing our knowledge. Sincerely, Maritza Lojero

-- Michael Gonzalez. Graduated UC Irvine 2021, BA Psychology. Career Goal: Clinical or School Psychologist

Dear Desert HealthCare District,

I would like to express my deepest appreciation for being selected to receive a scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year. As a first generation college student, it is difficult to navigate the university system by myself. Since my parents have no knowledge of how to get through college life, I have to rely on other sources of support. One of these sources of support comes from organizations such as One Future Coachella Valley and Desert HealthCare District. These organizations provided me with the knowledge and support that shaped me into the college student I am today. There is no doubt in my mind I would not be here today without their support at my side. The financial support from sources like Desert HealthCare District has allowed me to succeed as a student. Because of generous donations, I have not had to worry about finances at all while in college. As a result, I was able to put my entire focus on academics. These are not just empty words. I have been on the Dean's List every single quarter since my freshman year. I have been a leader on campus that has made meaningful contributions to my school community. All of this success is not due to my own efforts, but it is due to support from organizations here in the Coachella Valley. I look forward to sharing the privileges I have attained as a college with my local community. As a student in psychology, I am committed to learning about the best ways to address mental health. Once I settle into my career, I will be committed to contributing to the mental health needs of the Coachella Valley. Whether as a clinical psychologist or school psychologist, it is my desire to serve the community in the future. Once again, thank you for choosing me as a scholarship recipient. This money will finance my textbooks and room and board for the year. I cannot thank you enough for your generosity. With appreciation, Michael J. Gonzales

-- Kenya Cordero. Graduated CSUSB 2021, BA Education. Career Goal: School Counselor

Dear Desert Healthcare District,

I would like to express my gratitude for your kind financial support. I am truly honored and thankful to be a recipient of the Desert Healthcare District scholarship. I am just starting the one year Multiple Subjects Credential Program here at California State University San Bernardino. I am in the integrated track for my bachelors degree, so I will be graduating with both my bachelors degree and my Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential in the Spring of 2021. Once I graduate I will be ready to teach locally in the Coachella Valley. Within the next few years, I plan on enrolling in a masters program to further my understanding on mental health practices in school settings and possibly enter the school counseling field. I will be doing my student teaching this semester alongside the four classes I am taking. Because of this busy schedule it is recommended not to work, and I was worried as to how I would hold my funds within these next 7 months. With this scholarship, you have given me immense relief and an ability to give my all to the last semester of the credential program. I am extremely grateful for this support, and I hope to find ways to repay this generosity through giving back to my community. Sincerely, Kenya Cordero

-- Daysi Chavez. Graduated CSUSB 2021, BA Nursing. Career Goal: Registered Nurse

Dear Desert Healthcare District,

I am writing to show my sincere appreciation for the scholarship recently awarded to me. It was an honor to know that I was selected as the recipient of the scholarship. I want to thank all of you that made this possible. I am Salvadoran, my parents brought me to the United States when I was 11 years old. As every one that immigrates, the main goal is to obtain a better life and have more opportunities. This is why I went beyond High School to become someone in life. When I participated in an Army Cadet program as a medic, I found my devotion towards medicine and the human body. This is why I am working hard to become a Registered Nurse and graduate in the coming school year, to be able to help others. This way I will be able to give back to this country and community for what it has given me. I am truly blessed to have received this scholarship and thank you to all the donors of the scholarship for helping me. It means a lot to me and my family. The same way you helped me, I plan to help others when I graduate from the California State University, San Bernardino nursing program.
Sincerely, Daysi Chavez

-- Rubi Becerril Gonzalez. MS Counseling and Guidance Candidate 2022, CSUSB PDC. Career Goal: School Counselor

Dear Desert Health Care District & OneFuture Coachella Valley,

I am immensely thankful to have been awarded the Desert Health Care District Scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year. It is very meaningful to be awarded this scholarship because not only does it provide financial support, but it continues to remind me that I am on the right path and I have the support to achieve my goals. This scholarship will truly make a difference as it will help me cover a significant amount of my cost of attendance. I currently only work part-time, and my income has become more limited as my financial responsibilities have increased to support my dad, as a result of the pandemic. Additionally, a fundamental component of the Master of Science in Counseling and Guidance program is the on-site counseling practice to develop our skills. I will begin my fieldwork practice this upcoming Spring, so I feel relieved I will have this financial support so I can focus on completing as many practice hours as possible to meet the semester requirement and to fully immerse in this valuable experience. While I will be completing practice hours in a school site this semester, I look forward to completing my clinical hours in the summer or perhaps in Fall 2021. Thank you once again for this scholarship! Gratefully, Rubi Becerril Gonzalez

-- Ceydel Barragan. BA Psychology Class of 2023, CSUSB Palm Desert. Career Goal: Behavioral Health Therapist

Dear Desert Healthcare District and Foundation -

I am extremely thankful and honored to be a chosen candidate for this year's scholarship. This means an immense financial relief from mine and my parents' shoulders. I would like to thank you for allowing students, like me, to pursue their career

goals with the help of this scholarship. With the help of OFCV and Desert Healthcare District My first two years of college was a complete success and I'm sure that my third year will be as well. I cannot thank you enough for what you do as a foundation. This scholarship not only helps students pay for school, but it also decreases the risk of mental health problems to students. This is because students do not have to worry about working long hour shifts and potentially lowering in their academics to pay for school. I hope to continue receiving this scholarship and form closer connection with the foundation. Sincerely, Ceydel Barragan

-- Zitlaly Lizeth Cruz-Roman. MA Social Work, Class of 2022. Career Goal: Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Dear Desert Healthcare District:

I am honored to be a recipient of the 2020-2021 Desert Healthcare District scholarship. I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your financial support towards my higher education. I am a first-generation student pursuing a Master in Social Work degree at California State University, San Bernardino. I hope to one day return to the Coachella Valley and provide mental health services, resources and referrals to community members. After graduation, I plan to obtain my Pupil Personnel Services Credential and work in the school setting where I plan to provide services to students and families. I also plan to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and provide mental health services in the Eastern Coachella Valley. While pursuing my credential and license, I plan to be active in nonprofit organizations as a member or as a part of the organization. Your scholarship has reduced my financial burden, and has allowed me to continue pursuing my education. I am now able to focus my attention and time on my education and on passing my classes. Your generous support will allow me to pursue my education and achieve my dreams of becoming a Social Worker. Again, I cannot express my gratitude enough and am very grateful for your support. Sincerely, Zitlaly Lizeth Cruz-Roman

-- Elise Schoneman. Graduated University of Redlands 2021, BA Speech and Hearing Sciences and Disorders. Career Goal: Speech-Language Pathologist

Dear Desert Healthcare District,

My most sincere thank you to you all for your generous scholarship - what a wonderful thing to give back to students, as you once were. I hope to be able to do the same later in life. Currently, I attend University of Redlands and plan to be a Speech-Language Pathologist. It is my hope that I can impact students' abilities to communicate and perform in school, as well as at home with loved ones, and that they will be successful in both relationships and careers. This has been a difficult year financially, and this scholarship means more than I can put into words. I have not been able to work regularly because my family is at extreme risk for COVID. The news of the scholarship has given me peace of mind and has allowed me to focus on my finals for this semester. I am more confident that I will be able to finance my last undergrad semester

and that I will be able to save to grad school tuition. Thank you, once again. All my gratitude, Elise Schoneman

-- Samantha Schoneman. Graduated California Baptist University 2021, BA Health Sciences. Career Goal: Nutrition and Mental Health

Dear Desert Healthcare District,

I would like to thank you profusely for choosing me to be a scholarship recipient this year. As we all know, it has been a hard year for everyone and this contribution is beyond helpful for me and my family to pay for my senior year at California Baptist University. This year has been a huge mental struggle for me and has brought up many things that I have had to confront, but it has only given me a bigger appreciation for learning about mental health and for those who devote their careers to helping others struggle less. I have given more thought into going into a career in both nutrition and mental health, where I can help others become knowledgeable about how to eat for better mental health and coach them through hard times. I am so excited to graduate and apply to school in order to accomplish my goal of helping others. Thank you so much for being a part of this and helping me reach my goals. Sincerely, Samantha Schoneman

By the end of the grant, a minimum of twelve (12) undergraduate students pursuing Behavioral Health related majors will have completed a 10-week, paid summer internship; completed four (4) of five (5) leadership workshops and agreed to participate in a minimum of two (2) web-based or 1:1 interactions during the academic year following their internship.

- Thirteen (13) undergraduate students pursuing Behavioral Health related majors completed a 10-week, paid summer internship through the OneFuture Coachella Valley Health Career Connections program; completed four of five leadership workshops and agreed to participate in a minimum of two web-based or 1:1 interactions during the academic year following their internship.

Final number of District residents served:

0-5: 0

6-17: 2,000

18-24: 500

25-64: 0

65 or older: 0

Please answer the following questions

1. Please describe any specific issues/barriers in meeting the proposed program/project goals:

The COVID 19 pandemic created significant challenges during this grant implementation. Specifically, the grant began June 2019 and by early 2020 COVID-19 was on the horizon. Schools closed March 13 and all work pivoted to virtual platforms. Student focus changed due to impact of pandemic on their families and many students had to move home, which created challenges finding a dedicated quiet space to study, reliable internet, etc. Many students' parents lost jobs due to pandemic closures, so students sought employment to help boost family finances.

During this period, we experienced one of the greatest increases in reports of mental wellness issues and challenges among our students than we have seen to date, and, overall, student engagement was at a historical low during this grant period.

2. Please describe any unexpected successes other than those originally planned •

Viability of virtual platforms for advancing work that was previously accomplished solely in-person was a surprise. The ability to convene partners via Zoom increased participation in Behavioral Health A-Team meetings and workshops

During the grant period, OneFuture and key professional partners launched a Physician Assistant Pipeline working group which is now exploring ways to integrate Behavioral and Mental Health skills into the goals of supporting a high quality, locally-grown primary care workforce to serve the needs of our region.

As a result of this focus on behavioral health workforce development, the California Community College system adopted OneFuture's Behavioral Health Pathway map and added it to statewide resources for expansion of the workforce.

As a result of the work, OneFuture has established a foundation upon which the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation and Supervisor Perez's Green Ribbon Committee's Workforce Expansion group can build.

Riverside County Office of Education's funding of fifteen (15) OneFuture Coachella Valley Health Career Connection interns and emphasis on Mental Health and Wellness projects was unexpected and exciting.

3. After the initial investment by the DHCD how will the program/project be financially sustained?

- This work will be sustained as part of OneFuture's core operating body of work with funding from contracts, grants and private donations.

- Behavioral Health has been integrated as a core component of OneFuture's student support programming for all college scholars and our Gents Alliance mentoring program for young men in high school and college.
 - During the period of the grant, two local philanthropists established the OneFuture Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund with a goal of raising \$1 million annually to support local students in college and graduate medical education who are committed to return to the region to serve our community as health professionals; this includes funding for Behavioral Health professionals. It is our hope and expectation that leading health systems and healthcare nonprofits will support the growth of this fund so that we have a sustaining, coordinated approach to workforce investment in our region.
4. List five things to be done differently if this project/program were to be implemented again
1. Structure a partnership with institutions who can coordinate financial aid assistance supporting graduate medical education for students who have completed their bachelor's degrees and are advancing to masters or doctoral programs. While a portion of the funding from this grant supported scholarships for graduate level students, many more students need assistance with locating available grants, loan reimbursement and other sources to complete the required post-baccalaureate degrees in behavioral health. This is an area where the addition of a dedicated staff member to serve as a navigation for students would be a of great value.
 2. Add more scholarship funding for post-baccalaureate students. As a result of the project, a significant number of high school students have been educated on behavioral health careers. This will create future demand for scholarship in behavioral health. In addition, the DCHD scholarship fund was used to support current masters level students but did not meet the full financial gap for these students.
 3. Require scholarship students to attend Behavioral Health Workforce A-Team meetings at least four times a year throughout scholarship period and remain engaged at least two-years post-award. This will keep them connected to networking and mentor support as they navigate the extended education and internship requirements toward behavioral health/social work certification and employment.
 4. Engage K-12 district office leaders as additional champions, in addition to health academy and career technical education network, for use of wellness tools made available by the Behavioral Health A-Team.
 5. Allocate more staff time to narrative and financial report writing in the grant planning.

California State University, San Bernardino, Grant#: 1139

Street Medicine Program / Department of Nursing

Strategic Area: Healthcare Infrastructure and Services

Reporting Period: 10/01/2020 to 9/30/2021

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Grant Information

Grant Amount: \$50,000

Paid to date: \$45,000

Balance: \$5,000

Proposed Goals and Evaluation

The specific benefits or measurable impact to be achieved by: (9/30/2021)

Evaluation Plan:

The Evaluator will utilize both quantitative and qualitative methods to gather data throughout the grant term. Data will include, but not limited to, surveying of nursing student assistants, 10 testimonials from partners or agencies and the numbers of persons served, services provided and referrals. The PI and evaluator will present findings at one national conference and two regional conferences by September 30, 2021; in addition to sharing the results with Desert Healthcare District & Foundation and other relevant agencies. The evaluator will be a CSUSB faculty researcher who will work with the Street Medicine nursing faculty and students to analyze data collection, conduct a project evaluation and suggest recommendations for improvement. Proposed hire date for evaluator is Fall 2020.

Goal #1:

To provide healthcare services to 100 individuals and 300 contacts (contacts may be duplicated individuals) through nurse and medical clinics serving the homeless, unsheltered and vulnerable populations in the Coachella Valley; additionally assisting with COVID-19 testing, education and immunization services by September 30, 2021.

Evaluation of goal #1:

Quantitative

The program will collect, analyze and report the following data about patients served:

- Number served
- Demographic information including age, gender, race/ethnicity (as reported by patient), veteran status, insurance status
- Reason for being seen
- Services provided
- Referrals

Projected numbers of individuals in each age group:

- 6-17: 8
- 18-24: 10
- 25-64: 67
- 65+: 15

Projected total individuals: 100

Qualitative

The program will include ten testimonials from patients or agencies about the services provided by the nursing faculty and students.

Goal #2:

To engage 32 CSUSB PDC nursing students at all degree levels in the Street Medicine Program activities for course credit or volunteer hours by September 30, 2021.

Evaluation of goal #2:

Quantitative

The program will report on the number of BSN nursing students involved, locations of service and whether the student is participating for volunteer hours or course credit.

Qualitative

The program will survey nursing student assistants and compare the results before and after they participate in the Street Medicine Program utilizing the internationally recognized survey tool: Health Professional's Attitude Toward the Homeless Inventory.

Goal #3:

The program will monitor and track Street Medicine progress towards the development of additional collaborative partnerships and efforts to replicate the program reporting the new partner names and MOU agreements of the two new partnerships by September 30, 2021.

Evaluation of goal #3:

We will present the programmatic work accomplished by the Street Medicine clinics at one national conference and two regional conferences by September 30, 2021.

The program will report on one replication of the Street Medicine program by September 30, 2021.

Goal #4:

The program will hire four nursing student assistants to work with the Street Medicine teams in homeless outreach settings in the Valley by October 1, 2020

Evaluation of goal #4:

Detailed plan of action for evaluation that monitors and tracks the progress of Goal #5 (200 word limit)

The program will provide the resumes of and hire four nursing student assistants with the position description on file with the student assistant office at CSUSB by October 1, 2020. CSUSB Nursing student assistants will work with clients handling triage and treatments such as: vital signs, blood glucose, wound care, referrals, health assessments, medication management, preventive healthcare and education, case management, chronic disease management, pre-screening and post-results for the pandemic and flu shots. The nursing student assistants will assist in the Street Medicine activities, collect data for reporting, document the activities of the nurses and medical residents, and recruit and orient student nursing volunteers. The program will report on the total number of hours worked by the nursing assistants.

Goal #5: None

Evaluation of goal #5: None

Proposed number of District residents to be served:

Total: 100

Proposed geographic area(s) served:

Coachella

Indio

Mecca

Palm Springs

Thermal

Final Progress:

Final Outcomes on Goals and Evaluation

Program/project final accomplishment(s) in comparison to the proposed goal(s) and evaluation plan.

The Nursing Street Medicine Program final accomplishments include the following:

- The program provided nursing faculty supervision to CSUSB PDC nursing students who worked with the healthcare teams at street medicine sites in Palm Springs and East Valley.
- Engaged CSUSB PDC nursing students at all degree levels in clinical course healthcare activities and provided student community volunteer opportunities.
- Collected data on the number of students who served in the program, number of students successfully completing clinical hours and tracked numbers of persons served at the outreach sites.
- Purchased equipment and supplies the students needed to allow them to be most useful.

The Street Medicine nurse clinics provided the following:

- Took blood pressure, pulse, temperature, blood glucose level, oxygen level, breath and lung sounds;
- Provided wound care and supplies for self-care;
- Provided medication management, chronic disease management, health promotion and education;
- Provided therapeutic communication with people with mental health and addiction challenges;
- Made referrals/appointments for follow up care;
- When available and with partners, administered flu and COVID vaccines; and
- Provided hygiene products, clothing, shoes, socks, sunscreen, condoms, sunglasses, lotion, hand sanitizers, shampoo, and soap.

To summarize the accomplishments compared to our proposed goals and the evaluation plan, the program met the goals and quantitative and qualitative measures in the reporting period in the following areas.

- Number of patient contacts far surpassed our projected numbers of 100 individuals and 300 contacts.
- We are instituting a plan for the future to collect the number of unduplicated individuals served.
- The demographic percentages of the contacts are equivalent to that which we projected.
- Program staff were able to involve more students than projected.
- We surveyed the students on their attitude toward homelessness and poverty after participation in the program with positive attitudes toward the homeless.
- Presented at three national conferences and two regional meetings.
- Replicated the program in San Bernardino.
- Hired seven nursing students who worked more hours than projected.

In summary, we met all of our measures except a count of individual unduplicated people.

We also added a nurse clinic for the Indio United Methodist Church Under the Bridge free breakfast program under a Highway 87 overpass near Spotlight 29 in Coachella. During the pandemic when local hospitals would not allow nursing students into their facilities, we used the nurse clinics and outreach to allow students to continue to progress in their community public health and psychiatric mental health nursing courses. Without the nurse clinics and outreach opportunities and vaccination clinics, these students might have been prevented from progressing in their course work.

Goal #1:

To provide healthcare services to 100 individuals and 300 contacts (contacts may be duplicated individuals) through nurse and medical clinics serving the homeless, unsheltered and vulnerable populations in the Coachella Valley, additionally assisting with COVID-19 testing, education and immunizations services by September 30, 2021.

We far surpassed the number of contacts served and COVID vaccinations provided during the grant period. Between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021, the PDC campus program served 1655 contacts, participated in serving 6363 lunches, distributed 1296 care packages, and assisted the Desert Physicians Medical Group physicians to serve 77 contacts. Contacts include duplicated individuals.

Evaluation of goal #1:

Quantitative

The program will collect, analyze and report data about patients served.

Demographic information is listed below:

- Ages
 - 6-17 = 6
 - 18-25 = 55
 - 25-64 = 1050
 - 65+ = 318
 - Unknown = 216
- Gender
 - Female: 458
 - Male: 1003
 - Other: 12
 - Unknown: 182
- Race/ethnicity
 - Out of the clients that were willing to provide their race:
 - American Indian / Alaskan Native: 2.3%
 - Hispanic / Latino: 38.7%
 - Black / African American: 15.2%

- Caucasian: 31.5%
 - Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander: 0.4%
 - Asian: 2.5%
 - Mixed Race: 6.8%
 - Other: 2.6%
- Veteran status
 - 156 clients self-identified that they were veterans.
 - Insurance status
 - Medi-Cal / Medicare: 1056
 - Private Insurance: 55
 - Uninsured: 240
 - Don't Know: 73
 - Military / Tricare / VA: 8
 - Use ER for primary care provider: 438

Reason for being seen and services provided:

- Vital signs
- Wound care
- Blood glucose
- Establish insurance coverage
- Medication management/education
- Health education and prevention
- Chronic care management

Wound care: 288

Care Packages: 904

Referrals:163

- To medical residents onsite: 77
- To primary care provider (new or current): 37
- To urgent care/ER: 20
- To "other": 29
- To housing sources: 0
- To other social services including ID and insurance application: 0

*Number of contacts include duplicated individuals.

COVID Vaccinations

The program assisted with the vaccination of 950 people from vulnerable populations.

During the grant, the need for COVID-19 vaccinations developed and we responded by partnering with organizations to provide 950 vaccines to vulnerable populations. With the Desert Physicians Medical Group, we vaccinated seniors at senior centers, Hope through Housing facilities, the Well in the Desert, and a church in Desert Hot Springs.

The vaccinations were administered in the following locations.

- Well in the Desert
- Cathedral Palms Hanson House
- Ajalon Baptist Church in Palm Springs
- Sedona Surgery Center
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Palm Springs
- Neuro Vitality Center
- Desert Hot Springs Church
- Joslyn Center

Well in the Desert: 4/9/21 (39)

Well in the Desert: 5/7/21 (24)

Cathedral Palms Hanson House: 4/10/21 (29)

Ajalon Baptist Church: 4/13/21 (300)

Sedona Surgery Center: 4/14/21 (250)

Our Lady of Guadalupe: 4/16/21 (14)

Neuro Vitality Center: 4/23/21 (150)

Our Lady: 4/30/21 (4)

Desert Hot Springs: 5 /15/21 (19)

Cathedral Palms: 5/14/2021 (28)

Joslyn Center: 4/9/21 (45)

Joslyn Center: 4/24/21 (49)

Joslyn Center: 5/9/21 (19)

Total: (950)

Flu shots

The Program assisted with the administration of 446 flu shots to vulnerable populations.

Goal #2:

To engage 32 CSUSB PDC nursing students at all levels in the Street Medicine Program activities for course credit or volunteer hours by September 30, 2021.

We are grateful to have surpassed the projected number of students at all levels participating in the program, with 69 BSN nursing student and two master's degree student participation. The graduate students received course credit. The BSN students received course credit October to May and served at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM), the Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine (CVVIM), Hope through Housing, the Well in the Desert, and in the Under the Bridge program. In June, July, August, and September the BSN students volunteered and served every other Friday in the nurse clinics at the Well in the Desert free lunch program at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Palm Springs; at CVVIM on Tuesday evenings with the outreach team; and one Saturday a month at the Indio United Methodist Church Under the Bridge free breakfast program under a Highway 86 overpass in Coachella.

Evaluation of goal #2:

Quantitative

The program will report on the number of BSN nursing students involved, locations of service and whether the student is participating for volunteer hours or course credit.

The program involved:

- BSN nursing students in Coachella Valley: 69

For clinical credit: 35

For volunteer hours: 34

- At community sites in Palm Springs, Coachella, Mecca, Thermal, Indio,
- At encampments in Indio, Coachella
- At clinics, churches, and farm worker sites in Thermal and Mecca

Qualitative

The program will survey nursing student assistants and compare the results before and after they participate in the Street Medicine Program utilizing the internationally recognized survey tool: Health Professional's Attitude Toward the Homeless Inventory.

Attitude Survey Results:

See follow-up email addendum.

The survey tool Health Professionals Attitude Toward the Homeless Inventory was administered to nursing students who participated in the Program. On all items, the students scored the overwhelming majority of the items indicating an attitude of empathy for homeless people as strongly agree or somewhat agree.

Goal #3:

The program will monitor and track Street Medicine progress towards the development of additional collaborative partnerships and efforts to replicate the program reporting the new partner names and MOU agreements of the two new partnerships by September 30, 2021.

We will present the programmatic work accomplished by the Street Medicine clinics at one national conference and two regional conferences by September 30, 2021.

The program will report on one replication of the Street Medicine program by September 30, 2021.

The program exceeded the projections and presented at three national conferences and two regional meetings and the program was replicated on the San Bernardino campus.

Evaluation of goal #3:

Quantitative

The program presented at the Association of Psychiatric Nurses Association 2021 Annual Conference on Oct. 15, 2021 where the topic was "Street Medicine Participation for Mental Health Nursing Students." Dr. Vines was joined by two CSUSB nursing students, Emily Hagar and Cidney Silva.

Goal #4:

Three nursing assistants were hired (one student served two positions) who served from October 1, 2020 to May 2021 and four other nursing student assistants who served from May 2021 to September 30, 2021.

The nursing student assistants served according to the attached position description. In the nurse clinics, the nursing student assistants worked with clients handling triage and treatments such as vital signs, blood glucose, wound care, referrals, health assessments, medication and chronic disease management, preventive healthcare and education, case management, and vaccinations. They also assisted with data collection, documenting activities, recruiting and orienting student nursing volunteers and reporting off to the medical residents who are seeing clients.

The resumes of the seven students will be in the emailed addendum.

Evaluation of goal #4:

The program will hire four nursing student assistants to work with the Street Medicine teams in homeless outreach settings in the Valley by October 1, 2020.

The number of hours worked by nursing student assistants is 860 hours. The hours for each student is as follows:

- Veronica Cresinger: 33 hours
- Emily Hagar: 128 hours
- Michelle Rodriguez: 130 Hours
- Genevieve Marruffo: 108 Hours
- Maria Morales: 144 Hours
- Cidney Silva: 126 hours
- Rayla Silvagni: 91 hours

The nursing student assistants served for 860 hours from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

Final number of District residents served:

Total: 1,655

Please answer the following questions

1. Please describe any specific issues/barriers in meeting the proposed program/project goals:

The COVID pandemic was a major challenge for the project. Risk management officials of the California State University system were concerned about the exposure of faculty and students to the virus. We were very careful and provided PPE for faculty, students, and clients. In addition, sanitation was of the utmost important and our staff made sure that everything a client may have touched during the visit was properly disinfected. We also made a point to meet outdoors even though the heat, rain, and wind were often problems. To our knowledge, we had no COVID cases among clients and staff.

When the vaccines became available, we used the trust we and our partners had developed among the homeless, seniors and farm workers to address vaccine resistance and get our clients to accept vaccinations.

Another issue was getting unduplicated numbers of patients served. Currently, we do not have access to an electronic medical system that is HIPPA compliant in the field. In order to ensure patient confidentiality we deleted the names of the

patients served at the end of each clinic and did not develop a foolproof system of identification that was confidential. We briefly considered assigning numbers to each patient but that required that the patient remember the number and we knew that was unlikely. Students and staff are now using the question "Have you been seen here before?" as an attempt at determining unduplicated numbers in the future but then we don't have a record of the first time they were seen so we can count them. This is a barrier we will continue to work on until we find a viable solution.

2. Please describe any unexpected successes other than those originally planned

COVID

During the pandemic when local hospitals would not allow nursing students in their facilities, we used the nurse clinics and outreach to allow students to continue to progress in their community public health and psychiatric mental health nursing courses. Without the nurse clinics and outreach opportunities and vaccination clinics, these students might have been prevented from progressing in their course work.

We did not expect to replicate the program in San Bernardino during the grant period. However, the faculty at the San Bernardino campus learned about our success in the Valley and decided to start a volunteer nurse clinic at Mary's Mercy Center. Also, with the Palm Desert campus needed locations for community health and psychiatric mental health nursing clinicals when hospitals and other agencies refused to have students during the pandemic. The nurse clinics in community agencies still working face to face with clients provided these clinical experiences so students could proceed in the program toward graduation.

COVID vaccinations

The pandemic also increased the need for students to help with vaccinations. Previously we assisted with flu clinics and now we helped provide 950 vaccinations for vulnerable populations.

3. After the initial investment by the DHCD how will the program/project be financially sustained?

The project will continue with other grants received and with the contributions of the campus in paying faculty in clinical courses with state funds. The nurse clinics and outreach for course credit will continue with the state funding support although separate funds are needed for supplies.

The volunteer activities will need funds for supplies, for nursing student assistants and for faculty oversight. We are planning to raise funds for these expenses.

4. List five things to be done differently if this project/program were to be implemented again

There are several important lessons learned during this grant period.

1. There is a great need for patient education for medication and chronic disease management and we would increase these activities.
2. It is difficult to locate appropriate referrals to agencies that will accept these clients and we had to spend a great deal of time on the phone to get appointments for these clients so we would be constantly updating our referral lists with accurate information about the acceptance of referrals.
3. The need for clothing, shoes, socks, hygiene products, blankets and sleeping bags is huge and getting donations of these items is important and we would expand our requests for donations.
4. It is important to assess for depression, anxiety and PTSD while providing physical care and we would include these services.
5. To track data to identify the number of individuals served as well as the total number of patient contacts.

Galilee Center, Grant#: 1266

Our Lady of Guadalupe Center

Strategic Area: Homeless

Reporting Period: 5/1/2021 To 10/31/2021

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Grant Information

Grant Amount: \$150,000

Paid to date: \$67,500

Balance: \$82,500

Due Date: 11/1/21

Proposed Goals and Evaluation

The specific benefits or measurable impact to be achieved by: (4/30/2022):

Goal #1: The Our Lady of Guadalupe Shelter will provide a safe place for a minimum of 900 migrant farm workers and asylum seekers quarterly to stay 24 hours a day 7 days per week for the program year May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022.

Goal #2: The Our Lady of Guadalupe Shelter will provide basic services for a minimum of 900 residents quarterly in the shelter that include place to sleep, hot meals, restroom/showers, laundry facilities, a community room to relax, clothing, and access to phones calls to contact their families for the program year May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022.

Goal #3: The Our Lady of Guadalupe Shelter staff will provide basic case management and intake services for a minimum 900 residents quarterly in the shelter that includes providing medical referrals. The staff will assist a minimum 100 migrant workers annually in finding needed resources and arrange transportation needs for a minimum 900 asylum seekers quarterly including providing funding for transportation costs for approximately one third of the asylum seekers for the program year May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022.

Goal #4: The Our Lady of Guadalupe Shelter staff will provide hygiene bags containing face masks, hand sanitizer and toiletries for a minimum of 900 residents quarterly. As well as provide approximately 20% asylum seekers that have tested positive for COVID-19 accommodations in local motels/hotels to quarantine for 10 days before continuing on their journey to sponsors throughout the US. Medical treatment will be provided as needed for any residents of the shelter for the program year May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022.

Evaluation Plan: The success of all Galilee Center programs being evaluated is determined by the impact of services provided at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Center to the migrant farm workers and the asylum seekers. A plan of action to evaluate the qualitative aspects of the services include input of client services received through exit interview results collected by staff case workers for the program. In addition, were possible the input of the community partners assisting in the transportation and medical health of the asylum seekers, as well as the provision of economic, medical and social resources for the migrant workers and asylum seekers is collected. The quantitative aspects of the evaluation of the program includes the record keeping of data collected for each service received by a client. A Client Sign-In sheet is maintained for all services given that records number services provided to clients. Both daily and monthly reporting is monitored in an annual report. A Client Service Need's Survey is conducted once a year that incorporates the finding of client interviews and staff program evaluation. Evaluations are reviewed by staff and management and appropriate steps or changes are implemented as needed.

Proposed number of District residents to be served:

Total: 3,600

Proposed geographic area(s) served:

Coachella
Mecca
North Shore
Oasis
Thermal
Thousand Palms

Progress This Reporting Period

Progress Outcomes:

Galilee Center's Our Lady of Guadalupe Center accomplished its goals for the first six-months of the program. Shelter and other supportive services were provided to 21 unduplicated migrant farm workers and 554 asylum seeking families, representing 1,663 unduplicated people. The 21 unduplicated farm workers stayed at the shelter from May to July. From August to November the workers travel to Northern California to follow the crops. The average stay of a farm worker is 26 days per month. The average stay

of the asylum seeking people is 2 days. During their stay all guests received hot meals, showers, access to laundry, hygiene supplies, and other basics. In addition, the GC case workers assisted all families to communicate with their relatives/sponsors in the U.S.A. and helped with the travel arrangements.

Progress on the number of District residents served:

Total: 1,684

Geographic area(s) served during this reporting period:

Mecca
North Shore
Thermal

Progress on the Program/Project Goals:

Goal #1:

For the six-month period, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shelter provided shelter for a total of 1,684 people. There were 634 children, 595 women and 655 men (including 21 farm worker men).

Goal #2:

During the six-month period all men women and children received basic services that included a clean, safe place to sleep. The 1,684 people received 4,560 nights of shelter, 3,796 showers, 14,905 hot meals and snacks, and 2,055 laundry services. In addition, 207 infants received baby diapers, formula and baby food and 1,663 people received new undergarments and clothing.

Goal #3:

During the six-month period the shelter intake case workers assisted 554 asylum seeking families or 1,663 people with basic case management, travel arrangements (air plane or bus tickets), transportation needs, back pack needs, and medical referrals. The staff also assisted farm workers with medical referrals and filling unemployment forms and other basic needs.

Goal #4:

All 1,684 people/554 families received hygiene bags containing face masks, hand sanitizers, toiletries, deodorants, toothpaste & tooth brush, hair brush/combs, and flip flops.

Program/Project Tracking:

- *Is the project/program on track?*
Yes

- *Please describe any specific issues/barriers in meeting the desired outcomes:*

On August 31, there was a wind storm and rain that damaged many houses in the Mecca-North Shore area including the old roof in the shelter area. The community room that is utilized as dormitory had water damage. Because of this incident, Galilee Center had to stop receiving people at its facility creating a small decreased in number of people helped. The organization in Yuma, AZ that coordinates the transportation of Asylum Seekers from Yuma, AZ to Galilee Center had to find other alternative places to send the people to be helped. Galilee Center is currently trying to establish collaboration once again with this agency to start taking asylum seeking families but there are no groups/buses scheduled to be sent to Galilee any time soon.

- *What is the course correction if the project/program is not on track?*

Completion of the repair and replace of the shelter roof is projected by November 10.

Galilee Center staff will continue to contact the Yuma organization's director to start taking asylum seeking families again at our facility.

- *Describe any unexpected successes during this reporting period other than those originally planned:*

There were no unexpected successes during the six-month period, other than Galilee Center achieving its goals as planned.

Lift to Rise, Grant#: 1277

United Lift Rental Assistance 2021

Strategic Area: Economic Protection, Recovery, and Food Security

Reporting Period: 5/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

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Grant Information

Grant Amount: \$300,000

Paid to date: \$180,000

Balance: \$120,000

Due Date: 11/1/21

Proposed Goals and Evaluation

The specific benefits or measurable impact to be achieved by: (12/31/2021):

Goal #1: Goal #1: Total Households Served

By September 2021, a total of 4,500 qualified renter households (in the Lift to Rise geographic catchment) will have received rental assistance and utility assistance under the United Lift Rental Assistance program.

Goal #2: Goal #2: Robust Valley-Wide Outreach

Conduct robust outreach that attracts a minimum of 6,500 applicants throughout our service region – especially in hard-to-reach areas that are difficult to access during the period of this project.

Evaluation Plan: This program will provide a critical resource to households and a critical opportunity to learn about the efficacy of emergency aid programs that are in response to economic downturns and natural disasters. Specifically, evaluating this emergency aid program will be able to do the following:

- Provide important insights into a stronger understanding of the benefits and costs of emergency aid in economic downturns
- Provide insights into and strengthen the design of future programs to assess the role of eligibility criteria in providing effective emergency aid
- Provide insights into multiple outcomes for impacted households (“doubling up”, eviction, homelessness, food insecurity, health care, childcare)
- Provide insights into how landlords are impacted by the relief to tenants, including how these benefits to households are distributed to a variety of corporate and small business landlords

We will conduct a one-year evaluation to answer critical questions on the efficacy of this emergency aid program and on its impacts. The evaluation will have three main components. First, initial analysis of the applicant pool will provide insights into the representativeness of the sample of low income renters that applied to the program and received assistance. This initial analysis can highlight how well the program is targeting the sample of households most at risk of eviction and identify populations that the eligibility criteria excluded. Second, we will conduct two surveys of households over the year to determine how the receipt of rental assistance impacts households in Riverside County. Lastly, we will conduct qualitative interviews with select landlords to further generate qualitative insights into the impact of rental assistance programs on the broader rental market in Riverside County. A final report would be generated and delivered to the County of Riverside. A final report will be generated and delivered to the County, summarizing the research conducted and findings that emerged from the one-year study. A mid-term report will also provide a basic summary of the characteristics of the funded households based on the intake forms, and a summary of the project status, including survey protocols that have been developed.

Outcomes that will be tracked will include:

- The rate of “doubling-up”
- Residential mobility
- Eviction
- Homelessness
- Food insecurity
- Household budgeting
- Participation in other social service programs
- Mental and physical health; and
- Stress

Proposed number of District residents to be served:

Total: 4,500

Proposed geographic area(s) served:

Cathedral City
Coachella
Desert Hot Springs
Indio
Indian Wells
La Quinta
Mecca
North Shore
Oasis
Palm Desert

Progress This Reporting Period

Progress Outcomes:

Lift to Rise has already exceeded its goals for this grant. Below is a detail of our activities that contributed to this success

Progress on the number of District residents served:

Total: 6,500

Geographic area(s) served during this reporting period:

All District Areas

Progress on the Program/Project Goals:

Goal #1:

From May 1, 2021 to October 26, 2021, Lift to Rise has approved \$21,342,281 in rental and utilities assistance to 2,651 households. A total of 5,208 applications were received with a 75% approval rating.

Of these households, the average combined (rental and utilities) allocation was \$7,716.

Goal #2:

We continue to execute our marketing strategies, which combine traditional marketing, community outreach efforts, and follow ups with previously engaged clients that contributed to our success in working towards our volume goals for the project.

Activities included:

- About two dozen pop-up application events in communities around the valley since March 2021, plus 12 pop-ups at rental properties where residents could apply on site.
- Paid digital ads & billboards located across the valley in June 2021
- Flyering at community events, including back to school events, vaccine drives and other events reaching out to residents
- 134,000 visitors to UnitedLift.org between July 1 and October 15, with about 64% of visitors directly heading to the site indicating a strong awareness and interest in the program that has spread throughout the community.
- Google Ads campaign launched in July 2021 has generated nearly 4,000 hits to UnitedLift.org
- Facebook & Instagram ads ran from June 7 to June 21 reached 55,000 people

UnitedLift applicants found out about the program through the following mechanisms:

29% - Word of mouth from landlord

25% - Word of mouth from family member or friend

16% - From the news/social media

12% - Some other way

11% - From a local community org

6% - Referral from a local legal aid group

1% - From a local elected official

Goal #3: N/A

Goal #4: N/A

Goal #5: N/A

Program/Project Tracking:

- *Is the project/program on track? Yes*

- *Please describe any specific issues/barriers in meeting the desired outcomes:*

There were no substantive challenges or barriers related to this project during this period

- *What is the course correction if the project/program is not on track?*

We have already reached our stated goal

- *Describe any unexpected successes during this reporting period other than those originally planned:*

Lift to Rise, in partnership with Inland SoCal United Way and Riverside County, runs the nation's third-largest rental assistance program, per capita. Based on the data on ERAP-assisted households so far, it appears that the COVID-19 pandemic is continuing to have a particularly devastating impact on low-income Riverside County renters, especially those who identify as Black/African American and as female. The data also shows that families led by single parents, especially single mothers, continue to be overrepresented among approved applicants, as well as workers from the food service and healthcare industries. The pandemic has resulted in unprecedented job losses, with 62% of approved applicants out of work. Debt to landlords continues to pile up as the pandemic rages on, leaving renters vulnerable to eviction, bankruptcy, and trauma associated with housing insecurity. These trends have generally remained consistent over the course of the pandemic, suggesting that the most acutely impacted demographics could benefit from targeted interventions to improve housing stability as Riverside County continues its recovery. A comprehensive report with the most up-to-date data can be found at unitedlift.org.



Date: 12/07/2021

To: Program Committee

Subject: Grant # 1289 Desert Cancer Foundation

Grant Request: Patient Assistance Program

Amount Requested: \$150,000.00

Project Period: 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022

Project Description and Use of District Funds:

Desert Cancer Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping pay for cancer treatment for valley residents who lack medical insurance or sufficient funds to pay for vital care. Desert Cancer Foundation makes direct payments to healthcare providers on behalf of patients for cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment related expenses.

The Desert Healthcare District funds will directly support their Patient Assistance Program. The Patient Assistance Program provides not only financial relief to patients but a supportive, trusting environment where patients and families can turn to for assistance and resource navigation. Throughout COVID, the Desert Cancer Foundation has constantly worked on their coordination efforts to leverage funding and ensure the availability of their program, offer patient navigation, and pay for direct cancer care. Desert Cancer Foundation strategically engages partners externally and maintains continuous communication across their internal team, Board, and patients.

Desert Cancer Foundation's Patient Assistance Program directly aligns with the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation's goal of expanding community access to primary and specialty care services. Specifically, the strategy of utilizing an equity lens to expand services and resources to underserved communities while leveraging funds where every \$1 translates to over \$10 in cancer care assistance.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Utilize an equity lens to expand services and resources to underserved communities

Geographic Area(s) Served:

Cathedral City; Coachella; Desert Hot Springs; Indio; La Quinta; Mecca; Palm Desert; Palm Springs; Thousand Palms; Bermuda Dunes



Action by Program Committee: (Please select one)

- Full recommendation and forward to the Board for consideration with the Committee's recommendation that a grant amount of \$150,000.00 be approved.
- Recommendation with modifications
- Deny

Full Grant Application Summary

Desert Cancer Foundation, Grant #1289

About the Organization

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Historical (approved Requests)

Grant Year	Project Title	Grant Amount	Type	Disposition Date	Fund
2005	Project Support & Expansion	\$150,000	Grant	7/26/2005	Grant budget
2006	Comprehensive Program & Capacity Building Support	\$155,000	Grant	10/24/2006	Grant budget
2008	Operating support for program expansion	\$100,000	Grant	7/22/2008	Grant budget
2009	Comprehensive Patient Assistance Project	\$150,000	Improving Lives	10/27/2009	Grant budget
2010	Comprehensive Healthcare Assistance Project	\$200,000	Improving Lives	9/28/2010	Grant budget
2011	Integrated Healthcare Assistance Program	\$588,983	Achievement Building	9/27/2011	Grant budget
2013	Integrated Cancer Assistance Program	\$341,997	Achievement Building	1/28/2014	Grant budget

2015	Patient Assistance - Cancer Care	\$185,000	Grant	6/28/2016	Grant budget
2017	Patient Assistance and SJBCF Programs	\$200,000	Grant	2/27/2018	Grant budget
2019	Patient Assistance Program	\$150,000	Grant	5/27/2020	

Program/Project Information

Project Title: Patient Assistance Program

Start Date: 1/1/2022 **End Date:** 12/31/2022

Term: 12 months

Total Project Budget: \$505,125

Requested Amount: \$150,000

Executive Summary:

MISSION & HISTORY

Desert Cancer Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping pay for cancer care for local valley residents in need of financial assistance.

Desert Cancer Foundation (DCF) was founded in 1994 by valley oncologist, Dr. Sebastian George, and Art & Cory Teichner, to pay for cancer treatment for valley residents who lacked medical insurance or sufficient funds to pay for vital care. Our vision is that no one should forgo life-saving treatment due to their inability to pay.

Patient Assistance Program

DCF's Patient Assistance Program provides financial assistance to Coachella Valley and surrounding community residents who lack insurance or funds to pay for treatment.

We make direct payments to the healthcare providers on behalf of patients, for cancer screening, diagnosis, and costly cancer treatment. DCF covers insurance premiums, deductibles, co-pays/co-insurance, and prescription medications, including chemo and radiation therapies.

Desert Cancer Foundation works closely with our two local cancer centers - Desert Regional Comprehensive Cancer Center and Eisenhower Lucy Curci Cancer Center - to ensure the availability of our program, offer patient navigation, and pay for cancer care. Thanks to strategic partnerships, DCF leverages funding; every \$1 raised translates to \$10 in care.

The program fulfills a vital community need, gaps in healthcare, and aligns with DHCD's Strategic Goal expand community access to primary and specialty care.

Desert Cancer Foundation serves an already marginalized, underserved population. Our program assists individuals 18 years and older, who are living at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. While some need screening, most have already been diagnosed with cancer, sometimes an advanced stage, and require immediate, potentially life-saving medical treatment.

Our work is made possible only with the support of our community. Together, we help the most marginalized individuals, in a time of their greatest need. On behalf of DCF's Board of Directors and the residents we serve together, thank you for your consideration of our grant request!

Program/project Background and Community Need:

DCF's Patient Assistance (PA) Program is an ongoing program that provides financial assistance for residents to help pay for cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment.

The PA program serves residents of the Coachella Valley and surrounding communities, who are uninsured/underinsured, or lack sufficient funds to pay for treatment of cancer and allied diseases. The program makes direct payments on behalf of the patient, covering the cost of insurance premiums, deductibles, co-pays/co-insurance, prescription medication, including chemo and radiation therapies, and Medi-Cal Share of Cost.

Desert Cancer Foundation works closely with our local hospitals - Eisenhower Lucy Curci Cancer Center and Desert Regional Comprehensive Cancer Center to ensure the availability of our program, and leverage existing health programs and available patient resources.

A cancer diagnosis is much more devastating for individuals from a marginalized, lower income population. The diagnosis comes with a great deal of fear, uncertainty, and financial worry. DCF helps to alleviate the financial burden, so the patient can opt for treatment, focus on healing, and ensure the wellbeing of the entire family. With our support, a patient has the best possible health outcome, while the family can maintain some normalcy in a time of great need and distress.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Utilize an equity lens to expand services and resources to underserved communities

Program/project description:

The funds will directly support our Patient Assistance program. DCF will make payments to the healthcare providers, on behalf of low-income individuals residing in the district region, to cover the cost screening, diagnosis, and vital treatment of cancer and its allied diseases.

Our mission aligns with DHCD's focus area to help with vital human services. Our program serves local district residents who need the funds to pay for cancer care; ensuring access to timely care to treat a deadly disease.

The funds, under the PA program, will cover insurance premiums and deductibles, co-pays/co-insurance, Medi-Cal Share of Cost, prescription medications, including IV infusions, chemo and radiation therapies for the clients in our program. A portion of the funds will also cover staff wages to help run the program.

Description of the target population (s):

The PA program serves adults 18 years and older (mainly 25-64 and 65+ age categories), with a family household income at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Individuals served must demonstrate a need for financial assistance for cancer screening, diagnosis, and/or treatment. DCF estimates to serve approximately 120 unduplicated District residents over 12 months.

Geographic Area(s) Served:

Cathedral City;Coachella;Desert Hot Springs;Indio;La Quinta;Mecca;Palm Desert;Palm Springs;Thousand Palms;Bermuda Dunes

Age Group:

(25-64) Adults
(65+) Seniors

Total Number of District Residents Served:

120

Program/Project Goals and Evaluation

<p>Goal #1: Provide financial assistance for Coachella Valley residents undergoing cancer care.</p> <p>For the upcoming calendar year (January 1 to December 31, 2022), Desert Cancer Foundation (DCF) will provide financial assistance for Coachella Valley residents living within the Desert Healthcare District (DHCD) boundaries, ensuring access to healthcare for medical services related to cancer and its allied diseases.</p> <p>Through the Patient Assistance (PA) program, DCF will provide financial assistance to approximately 120 District residents, 18 years and older; cover approximately 1,600 cancer care services and treatments, for an estimated \$115,000 paid directly to the healthcare providers.</p> <p>For marginalized individuals (living at or below 300% of FPL), who are uninsured,</p>	<p>Evaluation #1: DCF’s Patient Assistance (PA) program is well-organized and managed, with the goal to process all incoming applications, provide coverage and access to healthcare. All data is gathered into a database and reconciled monthly.</p> <p>Progress of the PA program (patients served, services rendered, dollar amount paid vs. billed) is provided and monitored monthly by the Executive Director (ED), Patient Assistance Committee and DCF’s Board of Directors. There is also ongoing collaboration that ensures the program is being executed efficiently, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A dedicated PA Coordinator works closely with healthcare partners to process patient applications. -Applications are reviewed twice monthly by a PA Committee – comprised of social workers,
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<p>underinsured, or simply lack funds for cancer care, Desert Cancer Foundation will cover the costs associated with their medical screening, diagnosis, and treatment. DCF will pay for insurance premiums and deductibles, co-insurance and co-pays, chemo and radiation therapies, scans and diagnostic screenings, prescription medications, and Medi-Cal Share of Cost.</p>	<p>oncologists, radiologists, pharmacists, insurance brokers, along with the PA Coordinator and ED – to ensure eligibility guidelines, review medical coverage, treatment plan, and leverage available resources to meet the patient needs.</p> <p>-Patients approved into our program are entered into a database, with demographics information including age, gender, ethnicity, zip code.</p> <p>-DCF’s Accounting Manager will process insurance premiums and medical bills, rendering payments directly to the providers. Billing and payment data is entered into a tracking system to allow for reporting.</p>
<p>Goal #2: Patient Navigation to ensure all available resources for the patient.</p> <p>From January 1 to December 31, 2022, Desert Cancer Foundation will provide patient navigation for cancer care services and treatment, for an estimated 120 patients residing in the District boundaries.</p> <p>Through ongoing communication, collaboration, and outreach efforts with our local healthcare community, DCF will ensure the availability of our Patient Assistance program, as well as offer patient navigation (especially for newly diagnosed patients), to provide cancer-related screening, diagnosis, and access to services and vital treatment.</p> <p>The Patient Assistance Coordinator works with social workers and patient navigators to ensure we leverage all available and existing resources to meet the patient’s needs. This includes financial navigation – such as Medicare supplemental plans, Medi-Cal and other low-income subsidy programs, as well as additional support services such as transportation and mental health counseling.</p>	<p>Evaluation #2: DCF’s Patient Assistance program is regularly monitored by the Patient Assistance Coordinator, Executive Director, and the PA Committee. We work closely with community social workers, financial counselors, doctors, nurses, and pharmacists, to ensure a smooth process for patient navigation and support.</p> <p>There is ongoing collaborative work to access or leverage available resources to further alleviate the financial burden to our patients - subsidized funding or coverage options such as Covered California, Medi-Cal, Medicare supplemental plans, or Pharma Drug Assistance Programs. Patient navigation is further ensured with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A dedicated PA Coordinator who receives and reviews the applications, communicates with the patient, and prepares the summary for committee review. - Our PA Coordinator also works alongside the healthcare community - social workers, financial counselors, and pharmacists - to ensure that a can access existing resources and support services, especially early in their cancer journey.

	<p>- Hosting bi-monthly PA Committee meetings to review and approve patient applications. DCF staff, along with social workers, doctors, and insurance brokers also provide patient navigation and discusses the most suitable resources for the patient.</p> <p>- For patients approved into the program, there is ongoing oversight of coverage, treatment plan, services rendered, and billing review and paid.</p>
Goal #3:	Evaluation #3:
Goal #4:	Evaluation #4:
Goal #5:	Evaluation #5:

Proposed Program / Project Evaluation Plan

NEED

Desert Cancer Foundation (DCF) has been serving Coachella Valley residents for over 25 years. We are the only nonprofit that makes direct payments to healthcare providers on behalf of residents who otherwise could not afford vital care.

Desert Cancer Foundation kindly requests funding from the Desert Healthcare District in the amount of \$150,000 to help provide cancer care through our Patient Assistance (PA) program for District residents. The PA program aligns with DHCD’s strategic Goal #2 – Community access to primary and specialty care.

PARTNERSHIPS

Desert Cancer Foundation has longstanding partnerships with local healthcare providers, including Desert Care Network’s Comprehensive Cancer Center, Eisenhower Lucy Curci Cancer Center, City of Hope, over 10 local pharmacies and additional radiologist and oncologists. Together, we ensure patient navigation and timely access to cancer care and treatment.

DCF has negotiated contractual agreements with many of the providers, allowing for a reduced rate for uninsured patients. Along with navigation to help access existing available resources, to leverage funds, where every \$1 translates to over \$10 in cancer care.

The PA program is an ongoing, well-managed process - from application to patient navigation, access to healthcare and treatment coverage.

Organizational Capacity and Sustainability

Organizational Capacity

Desert Cancer Foundation currently employs three staff members, and each has an important role in the Patient Assistance program. DCF strives to cross-train employees in order to assist one another where possible. Staff Roles are as follows:

1- The Patient Assistance Coordinator works alongside hospital staff members to receive, review, and process the application for financial assistance. This role also provides patient navigation to ensure the patient's needs are met.

2- The Accounting Clerk manages and processes all the medical billing and insurance premiums. This role also tracks the data on billing to provide the monthly PA financial report.

3- The Executive Director oversees all aspects of the organization, including the PA program. This includes review of applications and attending the PA meetings, insurance overview, billing and approval, and communication with hospital staff and PA committee chairs as necessary.

The PA Committee is an all-volunteer committee, comprised of professionals who donate their time and expertise to support the Patient Assistance program. Desert Cancer Foundation is also managed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors, two of them are insurance brokers and serve on the PA Committee to help navigate the insurance aspect to healthcare coverage.

Organizational Sustainability:

Desert Cancer Foundation (DCF) has been serving Coachella Valley residents for over 25 years. We are the only nonprofit in the valley that makes direct payments to healthcare providers on behalf of individuals who cannot afford cancer care and treatment. Since 1994, DCF has served more than 8,600 residents, paid over \$10.5 million in care, valued at over \$106 million.

DCF is comprised of an all-volunteer Board (including doctors, pharmacists, nurses, oncologists, hospital administrators, and community leaders) who understand the need to fulfill this vital service for marginalized individuals and who remain committed to the organization's mission. The Board of Directors meets monthly to review operations, fundraising plans and efforts, oversee the Patient Assistance program, and monitor the budget.

With longstanding strategic partnerships in place, DCF can leverage funds and resources, to ensure the availability of our program, serve as many residents as possible, and maintain the organization's sustainability. In addition to grant funding, DCF hosts two to three fundraising events, and works closely to ensure ongoing community support with donations and third-party events to benefit our work.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

How is diversity, equity, and inclusion addressed?

Desert Cancer Foundation's core values, along with those of our staff members, committee members, and Board of Directors are inclusive. Our organization culture fosters diversity, equity, and inclusion in all areas of work. We provide support for individuals who meet the financial eligibility criteria; DCF does not discriminate based on age, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual identity or orientation.

What is preventing the organization from addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion? There are no barriers to diversity. The only "category" DCF does not serve are children. Childhood cancer is a pediatric specialty and is not part of our mission at this time.

Partnerships:

Key Partners:

Desert Cancer Foundation Partners with Desert Regional Comprehensive Cancer Center and Eisenhower Lucy Curci Cancer Center, City of Hope, local pharmacies, and additional oncologists in the valley. These strategic partnerships are critical in our ability to serve our client and ensure they receive proper and timely care. DCF has contractual rates with our two hospitals cancer centers, allowing for negotiated rates for uninsured patients. For insured clients, we pay the patient portion of cancer services and treatment. In certain cases, there is some flexibility to negotiate a "large" bill. This is how DCF leverages funding dollars for a 1/10 ratio, where every \$1 raised translates to \$10 in care.

Our two cancer center partners are truly committed to our success and sustainability. Both partners, Desert Regional's Comprehensive Cancer Center and Eisenhower Lucy Curci Cancer Centers are always supportive of our fundraising events with sponsorship dollars, event participation, even serving on committees.

Line Item Budget Operational Costs

PROGRAM OPERATIONS	Total Program/Project Budget	Funds from Other Sources Detail on sheet 3	Amount Requested from DHCD
Total Staffing Costs Detail on sheet 2	\$ 163,200	\$ 128,200	\$ 35,000
Equipment (itemize)			
1			0
2			0
3			0
4			0
Supplies (itemize)			
1			0
2			0
3			0
4			0
Printing/Duplication			0
Mailing/Postage			0
Travel/Mileage			0
Education/Training			0
Office/Rent/Mortgage	\$ 26,208	\$ 26,208	0
Telephone/Fax/Internet	\$ 2,272	\$ 2,272	0
Utilities	\$ 1,445	\$ 1,445	0
Insurance			0
Other facility costs not described above (itemize)			
1			0
2			0
3			0
4			0
Other program costs not described above (itemize)			
1	Patient Assistance	\$ 312,000	\$ 197,000
2			0
3			0
4			0
Total Program Budget		\$ 505,125	\$ 355,125
			\$ 150,000
Budget Narrative	Fully describe items above in this cell. You may insert rows or create additional worksheets if more space is needed to fully describe your budget.		

Line Item Budget Staffing Costs

Staff Salaries		Annual Salary	% of Time Allocated to Program	Actual Program Salary	Amount of Salary Paid by DHCD Grant
Employee Position/Title					
1	Patient Assistance Coordinator	\$ 41,600	70%	\$ 29,120	\$ 25,000
2	Accounting Manager	\$ 41,600	50%	\$ 20,800	\$ 10,000
3	Executive Director	\$ 80,000	20%	\$ 16,000	\$ -
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
Total Employee Benefits					
Enter this amount in Section 1; Staffing Costs				Total >	\$ 65,920
					\$ 35,000
Budget Narrative	<p style="color: red;">The Patient Assistance (PA) Coordinator is solely dedicated to the PA program - from receipt of patient application, intake of financial information, medical records, as well as coordinating with social workers and medical staff for patient navigation, to the final step of preparing and presenting applications for committee review.</p> <p style="color: red;">The Accounting Manager is responsible for processing all medical billing for treatments and services rendered to patients, as well as processing payments for insurance premiums.</p> <p style="color: red;">The ED oversees all operations of the organization,, including oversight of the PA program - from applications to billing.</p>				
Budget Narrative	<p style="color: red;">NOTE: Staff salaries above do not include benefits. Salaries are still reflective of the 2021 calendar year budget and may change/increase in 2022. This will not affect the amount of salary requested to be covered from the DHCD.</p>				
Professional Services / Consultants		Hourly Rate	Hours/Week	Monthly Fee	Fees Paid by DHCD Grant
Company and Staff Title					
1	None for this program				
2					
3					
4					
5					
Enter this amount in Section 1; Staffing Costs				Total >	0
Budget Narrative	<p style="color: red;">No professional fees or consultants for this program.</p>				

Line Item Budget Other Program Funds

Other funding received (actual or projected) SPECIFIC to this program/project			Amount
Fees			
Donations			\$ 30,000
Grants (List Organizations)			
Projected 2022	1	The Auen Foundation - rec'd 2021, projected 2022	\$ 15,000
	2	Regional Access Project	\$ 10,000
Projected 2022	3	H.N. and Frances C Berger Foundation	\$ 20,000
Projected 2022		Albertson Companies Foundation	\$ 5,000
Pending	4	Stater Brothers Foundation	\$ 10,000
Actual thru 6/2022	5	United Way of the Desert	\$ 5,500
Fundraising (describe nature of fundraiser)			
Projected 2022	1	DCF Events (Paint El Paseo Pink, Corks & Cuisine)	\$ 200,000
Projected 2022	2	Third-Party Events - to benefit DCF	\$ 150,000
Other Income, e.g., bequests, membership dues, in-kind services, investment income, fees from other agencies, etc. (Itemize)			
	1	Investment Income - if any	\$ 13,000
	2		
	3		
	4		
Total funding in addition to DHCD request			\$ 458,500
Budget Narrative	<p style="color: red;">The additional income listed above is based on 2021 actuals. DCF's budget has not yet been finalized for 2022. However, we predict that projections will be similar to current year's budget and actuals.</p> <p style="color: red;">We have seen a rise in Patient Assistance from 2020 to 2021. Overall, current year's actual program costs seem to have normalized to reflect the historical averages that DCF raises in funds vs. pays in program support.</p>		



November 12, 2021

Donna Craig
Desert Healthcare District
1140 N. Indian Canyon Drive,
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Dear Donna,

Thank you for providing Desert Cancer Foundation (DCF) with the opportunity to submit a grant application. As you know, DCF provides a vital community need in supporting patients with financial assistance to pay for cancer care and treatment.

Vested with responsibility to help an underserved population, DCF is the only nonprofit in the valley to offer direct payment assistance for cancer-specific care. In collaboration with local healthcare providers, DCF has served more than 8,600 residents with patient assistance and navigation to get the guidance and support services required for cancer detection and treatment.

The financial impact of the pandemic on an already vulnerable population has increased the need for Desert Cancer Foundation's support. Many local valley residents remain unemployed, lacking insurance and funds to obtain adequate care. DCF provides that direct access to care.

As a professional in the healthcare industry and a DCF partner, I can attest to the organization's commitment to foster access to healthcare. As a board and committee member, I witness firsthand that Desert Cancer Foundation has distinguished itself with a program that is resourceful and efficient in promoting good health in our region.

This letter is in support of the grant request from the Desert Cancer Foundation to provide a much-needed service to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Teresa Whipple". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Teresa Whipple
Executive Director,
Desert Care Network's Comprehensive Cancer Center



EISENHOWER HEALTH
CURCI CANCER CENTER

November 12, 2021

Donna Craig
Chief Program Officer,
Desert Healthcare District

Dear Donna:

This letter is in support of the grant request from the Desert Cancer Foundation (DCF), our local non-profit providing financial assistance for cancer patients residing in the Coachella Valley.

Eisenhower Medical Center has been partnering with DCF for over 20 years, helping to ensure no Coachella Valley resident goes without cancer care because they cannot afford the costs of that care.

Financial toxicity is the number one reason many choose to forgo life-saving or life-extending cancer care. A 2018 study from the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania found patients undergoing cancer treatment face exceptionally high out-of-pocket costs that impact their abilities to adhere to treatment plans.

Working closely with Eisenhower physicians, nurses, social workers, and our finance department, the Desert Cancer Foundation has served over 8,600 patients, covering insurance premiums, co-pays, and/or (for those few under- or uninsured), the costs of their cancer treatments. In partnership with our local medical community, Desert Cancer Foundation has paid for cancer care valued at \$106 million for local valley residents in need.

The organization's staff meet twice monthly with dedicated oncology professionals and Board Members to review every patient application, and ensure the request meets eligibility guidelines and then moves forward through the approval process.

The Desert Cancer Foundation provides a much-needed safety net for our community and Eisenhower Medical Center is proud to partner with them in providing this care.

Alison Mayer Sachs, MSW, OSW-C, FAOSW
Director Community Outreach and Cancer Support Services
Eisenhower Lucy Curci Cancer Center

Grant Scoring Review

Grant Staff Review # 1 of 4

Executive Summary: 10

Community Need and Alignment: 10

Goals: 9

Proposed Evaluation Plan: 8

Applicant Capacity and Infrastructure: 9

Organizational Sustainability: 8

Budget: 9

Key Partners/Collaborations: 10

Total Score: 73.00

Reviewer Comments: Desert Cancer Foundation has been the major organization and go-to for uninsured and under-insured residents that seek cancer treatment of which could be otherwise unattainable due to cost of treatments, prescriptions, transportation to treatment, high copays, etc. DCF is the perfect example of what leveraging dollars is about. The clients of DCF are thoroughly vetted and are navigated through patient navigators very carefully. No one falls through the cracks. DCF and DHCD have a long and successful partnership. DCF fills the gaps in a timely, consistent and compassionate manner.

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 19 (2 of 2)

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 72.75 (4 of 4)

Sum of all Reviews:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 38 (2 of 2)

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 291 (4 of 4)

Total average proposal score: 92/100

Grant Scoring Review

Grant Staff Review # 2 of 4

Executive Summary: 9

Community Need and Alignment: 9

Goals: 8

Proposed Evaluation Plan: 9

Applicant Capacity and Infrastructure: 9

Organizational Sustainability: 9

Budget: 8

Key Partners/Collaborations: 9

Total Score: 70.00

Reviewer Comments: Desert Cancer Foundation's Patient Assistance Program directly aligns with the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation's goal of expanding community access to primary and specialty care services. Specifically, the strategy of utilizing an equity lens to expand services and resources to underserved communities. Throughout COVID, the Desert Cancer Foundation has constantly worked on their coordination efforts to leverage funding and ensure the availability of their program, offer patient navigation, and pay for direct cancer care. Desert Cancer Foundation strategically engages partners externally and has continuous communication across their internal team, Board, and patients. The Patient Assistance Program provides not only financial relief to patients but a supportive, trusting environment where patients and families can consistently turn to for assistance and resource navigation. I recommend approval for the grant to support the continuous work of the Desert Care Foundation.

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 19 (2 of 2)

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 72.75 (4 of 4)

Sum of all Reviews:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 38 (2 of 2)

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 291 (4 of 4)

Total average proposal score: 92/100

Grant Scoring Review

Grant Staff Review # 3 of 4

Executive Summary: 10

Community Need and Alignment: 10

Goals: 9

Proposed Evaluation Plan: 10

Applicant Capacity and Infrastructure: 10

Organizational Sustainability: 9

Budget: 9

Key Partners/Collaborations: 9

Total Score: 76.00

Reviewer Comments: The Desert Cancer Foundation request clearly identifies the project plan to provide financial assistance to our Coachella Valley community members who lack the resources to pay for cancer treatment. This focus area aligns with the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation's Strategic Goal of utilizing an equity lens to expand services and resources to underserved communities. Linkage to appropriate support services including mental health counseling will be important. The budget allocations were in alignment with the identified resources/costs necessary to perform the tasks associated with this project successfully.

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 19 (2 of 2)

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 72.75 (4 of 4)

Sum of all Reviews:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 38 (2 of 2)

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 291 (4 of 4)

Total average proposal score: 92/100

Grant Scoring Review

Grant Staff Review # 4 of 4

Executive Summary: 10

Community Need and Alignment: 9

Goals: 9

Proposed Evaluation Plan: 8

Applicant Capacity and Infrastructure: 9

Organizational Sustainability: 8

Budget: 9

Key Partners/Collaborations: 10

Total Score: 72.00

Reviewer Comments: Desert Cancer Foundation provides guidance and financial support to District residents who are battling cancer during a very vulnerable and difficult time in their lives. DHDC funds will ensure DCF can continue this great service to cancer patients by addressing gaps in service, information, and financial resources. I fully support the funding of this grant application.

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 19 (2 of 2)

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 72.75 (4 of 4)

Sum of all Reviews:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 38 (2 of 2)

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Total average proposal score: 92/100

Grant Scoring Review

Fiscal Staff Review # 1 of 2

Fiduciary Compliance: 9

Financial Stability: 10

Total Score: 19.00

Reviewer Comments: Fiduciary Compliance

The audit report is unmodified

Current Ratio is very strong (3:1) which represents the grantee's ability to pay it's short-term liabilities

The Net Assets increased by \$52,000 as of 12/31/2020, the Balance Sheet is in good order

Financial Stability

Grantee demonstrates a strong financial position.

Grantee has diversified resources for this project of \$505,000. The District's grant of \$150,000 is well supported by other resources

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 19 (2 of 2)

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 72.75 (4 of 4)

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Grant Scoring Review

Fiscal Staff Review # 2 of 2

Fiduciary Compliance: 9

Financial Stability: 10

Total Score: 19.00

Reviewer Comments: Unmodified financial statements presented and approved by board. Positive cash flow for 2020 with sufficient assets to meet liabilities. Multiple funding sources documented in organizational budget and project budget. Strategic plan documents plan to increase funding sources and types.

Response Notes:

Average Review Score:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 19 (2 of 2)

Grant Program Staff Review Stage: 72.75 (4 of 4)

Sum of all Reviews:

Fiscal Staff Review Stage: 38 (2 of 2)

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Total average proposal score: 92/100



FY 2020-2021: Grant Application Scoring Rubric



Category	Meets expectations <i>(10-6 points)</i>	Does not meet expectations <i>(0-5 points)</i>
Programmatic Review		
Executive Summary (10 points)	The applicant includes and describes the project’s mission and vision, the target population the project will serve, the expected benefits to the community, the need for the project in the community with proposed evidence-based methods, interventions, and strategies that are realistic, attainable, effective, and outcome-oriented.	The applicant is unclear or does not include or describe the project’s mission and vision, the target population the project will serve, the expected benefits to the community, the need for the project in the community with proposed evidence-based methods, interventions, and strategies that are realistic, attainable, effective, and outcome-oriented.
Community Need & Alignment (10 points)	The applicant identifies and defines a specific need(s) for the project within the identified community and effectively describes the alignment of that need to one of the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation five strategic focus areas by using one or more of the following: data, case studies, interviews, focus group results, media coverage, etc.	The applicant does not sufficiently identify or describe a need for the project and/or its alignment to one of the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation five strategic focus areas by using one or more of the following: data, case studies, interviews, focus group results, media coverage, etc.
Goals (10 points)	The applicant has provided SMART goals with an evaluation plan that is comprehensively developed. The SMART goals are specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time-bound , and the evaluation plan will accurately measure the project’s effectiveness and impact.	The applicant has provided very limited goals and evaluation plans. The goals are not specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, time-bound goals and will not measure the project’s effectiveness or impact.

<p>Proposed Program/Project Evaluation Plan (10 points)</p>	<p>The applicant provides a detailed plan of action for evaluation that includes both qualitative and/or quantitative assessment(s). The plan includes well-defined data reporting mechanisms and/or a clear and transparent narrative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation measures and methods are clear; the applicant defines how they envision success. • Evaluation is in alignment with the SMART goals of the project. • An explanation is provided on how the data collected from the project will be utilized for future programming, partnerships, and/or funding. 	<p>The applicant does not provide, or vaguely describes, a plan of action with limited qualitative and/or quantitative assessment(s). The plan includes poorly defined data reporting mechanisms and/or a narrative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation measures and methods are not clear; the applicant vaguely defines how they envision success. • Evaluation is not in alignment with the SMART goals of the project. • An explanation is not provided on how the data collected from the project will be utilized.
<p>Applicant Capacity and Infrastructure to Execute Proposal (10 points)</p>	<p>The applicant includes examples that demonstrate that the human resource allocation to this project is appropriate (internal staff expertise, use of external consultants, advisory committee, etc.). The applicant demonstrates reliability for this kind of work (strength, a history or track record of achievements, related mission, and letters of support)</p>	<p>The applicant does not include examples that demonstrate the human resource allocation to this project is appropriate (internal staff expertise, use of external consultants, advisory committee, etc.). The applicant is limited in its ability to demonstrate reliability for this kind of work (strength, a history or track record of achievements, related mission, and letters of support)</p>
<p>Organization Sustainability (10 Points)</p>	<p>The applicant demonstrates that it has a current Strategic Plan with measurable outcomes and includes the proposed program. The applicant demonstrates strong Board engagement, governance, and fundraising support.</p>	<p>The applicant does not sufficiently demonstrate that it has a current Strategic Plan with measurable outcomes. The proposed program is not identified in the current Strategic Plan and the applicant organization has limited Board engagement, governance, and fundraising support.</p>

<p>Budget (10 points)</p>	<p>The budget is specific and reasonable, and all items align with the described project. The proposed budget is accurate, cost-effective, and linked to activities and outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no unexplained amounts. • The overall significance of the project, including the relationship between benefits and/or participants to the programmatic costs are reasonable. • All line items are identified clearly in the budget narrative. • The budget shows committed, in-kind, or other funds that have been identified, secured, and in place to support the project. 	<p>The budget is not specific and/or reasonable, and the items are poorly aligned with the described project. The budget is included in the application but seems incomplete or not reflective of actual costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are unexplained amounts. • The overall significance of the project, including the relationship between benefits and/or participants to the programmatic costs are not reasonable. • Line items are not clearly defined in the budget narrative. • The budget does not show committed, in-kind, or other funds that have been identified, secured, and in place to support the project.
<p>Key Partners / Collaboration (10 points)</p>	<p>The proposal demonstrates a collaborative process that includes multiple community partners involved in planning and implementation, with contributions from collaborators articulated in detail via letters of support and/or memorandums of understanding.</p>	<p>The proposal does not demonstrate a collaborative process and it does not involve multiple community partners in planning and implementation. Potential for collaboration exists but is not articulated.</p>
<p>Fiscal Review</p>		
<p>Fiduciary Compliance (10 Points)</p>	<p>The applicant demonstrates a financial history that shows a continuous cycle of fiduciary responsibility of the Board through unmodified audited financial statements produced in a timely fashion, positive cash flow at the end of each fiscal year, asset ratio meets required debt load, and the Board reviews financial statements regularly.</p>	<p>The applicant does not demonstrate a financial history that shows a continuous cycle of fiduciary responsibility of the Board through audited financial statements. Positive cash flow at the end of each fiscal year is not consistent. and the Board does not review financials regularly.</p>

<p>Financial Stability (10 Points)</p>	<p>Funding sources for operations and programs are from multiple sources and are driven by a strategic plan for stability for both short- and long-term growth. Fund development and/or business plan is in place to identify future sources of funding. The requested grant amount is reasonable in comparison to the overall organizational budget.</p>	<p>Source of funds for operations and programs are from limited sources and are not driven by a strategic plan. There is no plan for stability in place currently, including a fund development plan and/or business plan. The requested grant amount is unreasonable in comparison to the overall organizational operating budget.</p>
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Total Score: _____ / 100

Recommendation:

- Fully Fund
- Partially Fund – Possible restrictions/conditions
- No Funding