



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE
Program Committee Meeting
February 13, 2024
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Andrea S. Hayles

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Directors Present via Video Conference	District Staff Present via Video Conference	Absent
President Evett PerezGil Vice-President Carmina Zavala, PsyD Director Leticia De Lara, MPA	Chris Christensen, Interim CEO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement Jana Trew, SPO, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health Meghan Kane, MPH, Senior Program Officer, Public Health Erica Huskey, Grants Manager Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer	

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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 PerezGil and Director De Lara and to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
III. Meeting Minutes 1. October 10, 2023	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the October 10, 2023, meeting minutes.	Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Vice-President Zavala to approve the October 10, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
IV. Public Comment	There were no public comments.	
V. Old Business	There's no old business at this time.	
VI. New Business 1. Partnership Opportunities – Review and determination for forwarding to the Board for consideration: a. Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP)/Desert Healthcare District	Dave Robinson, Director of Analytic Services, Coachella Valley Economic Partnership, answered questions from the committee concerning the Esri data sources based in Redlands and the preeminent software provider for Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Vice-President Zavala to approve the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP)/Desert Healthcare District Study Consulting Services Agreement – The Regional Economic Impacts of DHCD's Community and Clinical Social Needs Goals and Implementation for

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<p>Study Consulting Services Agreement – The Regional Economic Impacts of DHCD’s Community and Clinical Social Needs Goals and Implementation for Recommendations – NTE \$70,000</p>	<p>describing their database from a regional level, including other databases to accompany the Huron report. The data set is based on the census data gathered from different sources, such as population density updated every six months using late 2023 data for the study. Mr. Robinson also illustrated aspects of the Huron report business case quantifiable improvements to support the study.</p>	<p>Recommendations – NTE \$70,000 and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>VII. Program Updates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress and Final Reports Update 2. Grant Applications and RFP Proposals Submitted and Under Review 3. Grant Payment Schedule 4. Social Isolation and Loneliness RFP Update 	<p>Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions about the progress and final reports, grant applications and RFP proposals submitted and under review, the grant payment schedule, and the social isolation and loneliness RFP update.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the Social Isolation and Loneliness Request for Proposals release on January 8, 2024. The RFP is \$1M over two years, not to exceed \$200k per grant award. Other dates related to the RFP are the following:</p> <p>Mandatory Bidders Conference – January 23, 2024 RFP Closes – February 10, 2024 Internal Proposals Review – March 20 Submission to the Program Committee – March 12 Consideration to the Board – March 26</p>	

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	Contract Start Date – April 1, 2024	
<p>VIII. Grant Funding</p> <p>1. Grant #1403 Vision To Learn: Palm Desert and Coachella Valley VTL Program - \$50,000 – Goal 2 - Strategy 2.3</p> <p>2. Grant #1419 Blood Bank of SB & Riverside Counties aka LifeStream: LifesStream’s Attracting New Donors Initiative - \$104,650 – Goal 7 - Strategy 7.1</p> <p>3. Grant #1420 Braille Institute: Low Vision Telehealth Services - \$36,697 – Goal 2 - Strategy 2.4</p>	<p>Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions about Vision To Learn’s VTL Program and \$50,000 grant request.</p> <p>The committee inquired about the sustainability concerns with Nora MacLellan, Outreach Coordinator, Vision To Learn, describing the children’s access to eyewear and Vision To Learn returning to every school within two years, a one-year warranty since children are prone to losing or breaking glasses, and a modest reimbursement from Medi-Cal.</p> <p>Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions about LifeStream’s Attracting New Donors Initiative and \$104,650 grant request specifically for the Coachella Valley.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p> <p>Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions about the Braille Institute’s Low Vision Telehealth Services grant request for \$36,697.</p>	<p>Moved and seconded by Vice President Zavala and Director De Lara to approve Grant #1403 Vision To Learn: Palm Desert and Coachella Valley VTL Program - \$50,000 and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Vice-President Zavala to approve Grant #1419 Blood Bank of SB & Riverside Counties aka LifeStream: LifesStream’s Attracting New Donors Initiative - \$104,650 and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Vice-President Zavala to approve Grant #1420 Braille Institute: Low Vision Telehealth Services - \$36,697 and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

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<p>4. Grant #1421 Olive Crest: General Support for Counseling and Mental Health Services to Vulnerable Children & Families in the CV – \$359,594 over a 24-month period – Goal 3 - Strategies 3.2; 3.3; 3.6. and 3.7</p>	<p>There were no questions or comments.</p> <p>Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions about Olive Crest’s General Support for Counseling and Mental Health Services \$359,594 grant request.</p> <p>The committee inquired about the salaries for the Family Preservation Director and two Assistant Directors, requesting that Tracy Fitzsimmons, Executive Director, Olive Crest, representing the organization at the meeting, categorize each position's salary. The committee also requested identifying the Behavioral Health Specialist from the Behavioral Health Associate. Ms Fitzsimmons also described the demographics of the families served in the nine cities in the Coachella Valley.</p>	<p>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Vice-President Zavala to approve Grant #1421 Olive Crest: General Support for Counseling and Mental Health Services to Vulnerable Children & Families in the CV – \$359,594 over a 24-month period and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>VIII. Committee Members Comments</p>	<p>There were no committee member comments.</p>	
<p>IX. Adjournment</p>	<p>Chair PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.</p>	<p>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p>

ATTEST: _____
Evelt PerezGil, Chair/ President, Board of Directors
Program Committee

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer



DESERT HEALTHCARE
DISTRICT & FOUNDATION

Date: February 13, 2024
To: Program Committee
Subject: Coachella Valley Economic Partnership/Desert Healthcare District Study:
Consulting Services Agreement: The Regional Economic Impacts of
DHCD's Community and Clinical Social Needs Goals and
Recommendations Implementation

Background:

- In 2022, the Desert Healthcare District engaged the Huron Consulting Group to produce a Community Clinical and Social Needs Assessment.
- In March 2023 the final report was presented to the Board of Directors and outlined the District population's current healthcare challenges and identified gaps between community healthcare demand and currently available health assets.
- The final report presented goals and recommendations to address these gaps.
- Staff reviewed the goals and recommendations and focused on a key statement in the Huron Report: the first stated goal in the recommendations is to "craft (a) business case to provide targeted (services)."
- Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP), with its extensive experience and expertise in socioeconomic landscape analyzes of the Coachella Valley, submitted a proposal that aimed to demonstrate the business case value of implementing the Huron study recommendations and expanding the healthcare workforce in the Coachella Valley.
- In December 2023, the proposal was brought forward to the Finance and Administrative Committee, the Program Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee, and to the Board of Director's meeting. After thorough review, the Board directed staff to work with CVEP on revising components of the proposal related to the landscape of the future healthcare expansion in the Valley, incorporation of healthcare professionals outside of the Huron report (I.E. nurses and supportive healthcare staff), and the removal of data analysis around CV residents seeking care outside of the Valley.

Information:

- As a result of the Strategic Planning committee feedback, Staff worked with CVEP to incorporate the recommendations and updated the proposal.
- This proposal would drive the high priority 2021-2026 Strategic Plan goals 2 and 3. Specifically, the expansion of the local healthcare workforce.
- Staff presented the updated proposal to the Strategic Planning Committee on February 8th, and they recommended forwarding the proposal to the Board.

Fiscal Impact:

- NTE \$80,000. Funds to be allocated from the FY 2023/2024 grant budget.



PROPOSAL:

Problems and Needs:

Last year, the Desert Healthcare District engaged the Huron Consulting Group to produce a *Community Clinical and Social Needs Assessment*. The Final Report, presented in March 2023, outlined the district population’s current healthcare challenges. The report identified gaps between community healthcare demand and currently available health assets. And most importantly, it presented goals and recommendations to address these gaps.

The study outlined in this proposal focuses on a key statement found in the report. The first stated goal in the recommendations is to *“craft (a) business case to provide targeted (services).”* By estimating and quantifying the economic benefits of the study goals, this proposal aims to demonstrate the business case value of addressing healthcare gaps in the District’s jurisdiction.

This proposal concentrates on estimating two central economic benefits to the regional economy in implementing the study goals. First, attracting a significant number of additional healthcare professionals to our valley, as the study urges, bolsters the local economy. The study recommends adding a minimum of 40 new health professionals to address resident healthcare needs. This highly paid cohort brings with it increased consumer spending and demand for goods in the local economy. It increases local tax revenue to enhance the public good. The report concentrates on increasing local access to high-value care in pediatrics, internal/family medicine, cardiology, and general surgery. This proposal will estimate the benefits to our economy of both building new capacity and the increased local spending on healthcare that new capacity brings. Moreover, increased healthcare spending is year-round, helping to tamp the seasonality of our local economy.

Second, the report recommendations will help reinforce a healthier and more productive workforce. The district has a disproportionate level of high-risk communities, with higher rates of residents living below the poverty level or households making less than \$50,000/year. The population has higher rates of cardiovascular risks, asthma, and opioid-related adverse drug events. Gaps in local preventative care result in a high rate of avoidable, and costly, emergency department visits. Providing local solutions to these costly healthcare gaps and reducing emergency room visits saves money for residents and the region’s healthcare system. There will be less workforce absenteeism and more productivity. This proposal will estimate the economic advantages of a healthier workforce.

Proposed Solution

- **Estimate the economic benefits to the local economy** of attracting highly paid healthcare professionals and building local capacity needed to fill vital healthcare gaps in the district.
 - **Quantify the ancillary economic benefits** of healthcare facility expansion, (e.g., utilizing local contractors, local tax revenue, etc.)



- **Propose accommodations to the challenge of housing availability and affordability** in recruiting health professionals
- **Quantify the additional support staff, nurses, and infrastructure** to support the proposed increase in physicians and other health professionals
- **Compare the economics of currently relying disproportionately on travel nurses** with establishing a permanent population of nurses
- **Estimate the economic effects of a healthier workforce for residents** of the valley. What are the economic impacts on individuals and families that improved healthcare access affords?
- **Estimate the savings to the local economy and businesses** coming from a healthier workforce, such as less absenteeism and more productivity
- **Outlining the return on investment in healthcare expansion for the valley.**
 - Build a business case for implementing the Huron Report recommendations
 - Outline methods for involving more stakeholders
 - Make a business case for a thriving year-round healthcare system that underpins the efforts to build a more stable, year-round economy for the region

Methodology and timeline

- **Phase 1 – Exploratory analysis**
 - Review of existing reports, initiatives, and methodology on this topic
 - Review of the District’s recent studies and reports
 - District will assist the CVEP team in a thorough understanding of the current health provider landscape in the valley
 - The CVEP team will survey this landscape to ascertain current plans for healthcare expansion and compare them to the Huron report recommendations
 - The CVEP team will be responsible for gathering socio-economic and other pertinent data to inform the report. CVEP will utilize Esri Business Analyst and US Census data, as well as the Huron Report findings, to quantify the socioeconomic magnitude of the healthcare gaps the Huron Report identifies and to fully understand
 - Study the reliance on travel nurses in the valley
- **Phase 2 – Exploratory analysis review with Desert Healthcare District**
 - 1 to 2 meetings to:
 - Review the current healthcare landscape and outline the collective plans for future healthcare expansion in the valley
 - Conduct additional needed research established in from this review stage
 - Agreement on final “model” of healthcare expansion as basis for economic costs analysis
- **Phase 3 – Economic estimation**
 - Establish quantification methodology
 - Create preliminary metrics for modelled healthcare expansion
 - Ancillary benefits – construction, expanded tax base, etc.
 - Benefits to local economy for healthier workforce
 - Benefits to local families and individuals
- **Phase 4 – Economic review with Desert Healthcare District**
 - 2 to 3 meetings with District to review economic quantification



- Updates to economic quantification
- **Phase 5 – Create business case for expansion**
 - Study best practices for recruiting and retaining healthcare professionals
 - Research other regions that have addressed the challenges of attracting new healthcare professionals with spouses who have limited employment opportunities when relocating
 - Propose how the local business community can become partners in healthcare expansion
 - Make a business case for the economic advantages of a healthier workforce
- **Phase 6 – Review business case**
 - 1 meeting to discuss proposed business case
 - business case revisions
- **Phase 7 – Write preliminary report**
- **Phase 8 – Review preliminary report**
 - District to review the preliminary
 - 1 meeting to discuss review
 - Report edits
 - District to review final report
- **Phase 9 – Report delivery**

Expected Outcomes

- A comprehensive quantification of the economic impacts of implementing modelled healthcare expansion
- Quantifying the economic benefits to residents and their families of improved access to healthcare.
- Building a business case for the community to invest in improved healthcare. Recommendations for appealing to the business community the need for improved healthcare in the valley.

Deliverables

- Written report
- Executive Summary report for community leaders
- Presentation to Board
- Presentation of findings at CVEP’s Economic Summit in the Fall of 2024.

Project Team

- David Robinson, CVEP – Director of Analytic Services
 - David is a Geographic Information Systems specialist. He studies and analyzes the local socioeconomic landscape of the Coachella Valley through mapping and geographic analysis. As the Director of Analytic Services at CVEP, he uses GIS to ascertain the local specifics of our complex economy, using geographic analysis to aggregate important economic and demographic data that is often found at the county or MSA level. For ten years at CVEP, he has authored many reports on the local economy and presents a blog, David’s Data Digest, on focused economic and geosocial topics about the valley.
- Dr. Manfred Keil, Professor of Economics, Claremont McKenna College



- Dr. Keil is CVEP’s chief economist and leads the team for our annual Summit Economic report. Professor Keil received his Ph. D. in Economics from the London School of Economics and has been working at Claremont McKenna College since 1995. He specializes in Macroeconomics, Statistics, and Econometrics. Prof. Keil also is the Associate Director of the Lowe Institute for Political Economy and leads a relatively large research staff of student RAs to provide forecasting analysis for the Inland Empire.
- <https://www.cmc.edu/academic/faculty/profile/manfred-keil>
- Dr. Robert Kleinhenz, Principal Economist and Founder, Kleinhenz Economics
 - Dr. Kleinhenz is the Principal Economist and Founder of the firm Kleinhenz Economics. A leading voice on the economy, Dr. Kleinhenz taps over 30 years of experience to present his outlook for the economy and its leading industries, and to offer his perspectives on leading policy issues. He previously served as the Chief Economist for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) and Deputy Chief Economist with the California Association of Realtors. He is currently on the faculty at Cal State Long Beach and Associate Director of the University’s Office of Economic Research. Dr. Kleinhenz is known for his extensive knowledge of the economy and economic policy.
 - <https://www.kleinhenzassociates.com/>

Compensation

- Phases 1 -6: **Not to exceed \$36,000**
 - Estimated time to complete – 3 months
 - Monthly billing
- Phases 6-9: **Not to exceed \$44,000**
 - Estimated time to complete – 3 months
 - Monthly billing
- **Total Not to Exceed: \$80,000**



DESERT HEALTHCARE
DISTRICT & FOUNDATION

Date: February 8, 2024
To: Program Committee
Subject: OP – 5 Grants and Mini Grants – REVISED GRANT FLOW CHART

Background:

- The Desert Healthcare District’s 5 year (2021-2026) strategic plan was approved in October 2021.
- The plan contained seven goals, two of which were internal (Goals # 1 & 4) with the balance of the five as funding goals.
- Along with individual strategies embedded in the goals, the board of directors approved priorities for each goal and strategy: high priority, moderate priority, and low priority.
- In November and December 2023 the board revisited the strategic plan and revised the following:
 - Remove the labels of “moderate” and “low” priorities from goals and strategies.
 - Prioritizing (high) improving access to primary healthcare and specialty care (goal #2); improving access to behavioral/mental healthcare services (goal #3); and environmental health (goal #6, strategies 6.1 and 6.2).
- These goals and strategies are being considered when reviewing new grant applications that are received during the remainder of this fiscal year and through 2026.
- Direction was given to management staff the following on grant funding allocation:
 - “... When grant requests are received that do not fit in goals 2 and 3 or strategies 6.1 and 6.2 District management will review the request and provide to the Program Committee a list of the applications that are outside of those areas. For each of those listed applications, the Program Committee will make a recommendation to the full board of directors whether to proceed with the grant application process”.
- To formalize this direction a new grant flow process chart was redesigned.
- The grant flow process chart is broken down into two progressions.
 - The first flow chart shows the process of grant applications submitted that are aligned with the High Priority strategic plan goals.
 - The second flow chart shows the process of grant applications submitted that are aligned with Non-Priority strategic plan goals.
 - At the February 8, 2024 Strategic Planning Committee meeting, it was recommended to footnote Goals 1 & 4 that these are *internal staff goals* and not part of the grantmaking process.
 - The Committee approved forwarding to the Board & Staff Communications and Policies Committee for approval.

Recommendation:

- To approve the revised grant process flow chart that will be incorporated into Policy OP- 5 Grants and Mini Grants

Fiscal Impact: None

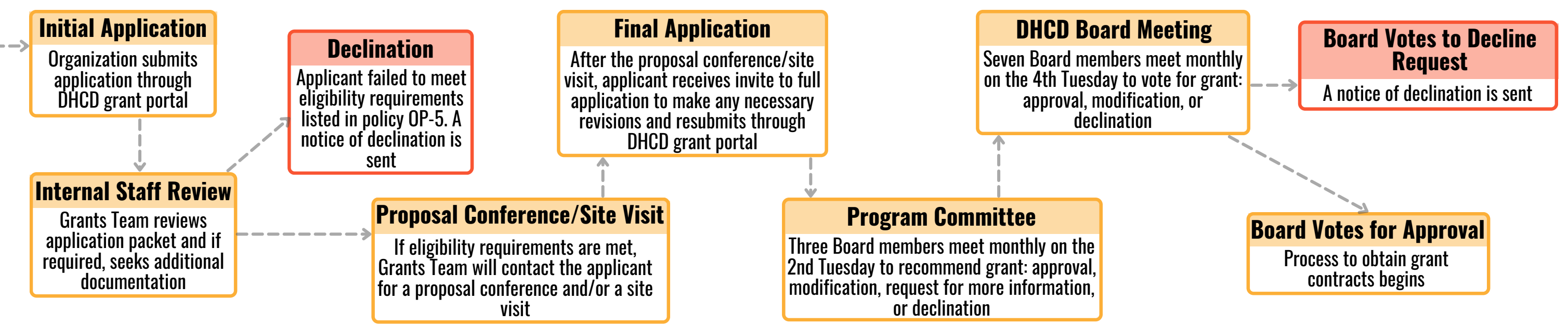
2021-26 Desert Healthcare District Strategic Plan Grantmaking Process - Full Grants (Application requests that exceed \$10,000)*

High Priority Strategic Plan Goals

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

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

Goal 6: Be responsive to and supportive of selected community initiatives that enhance the environment in the District's service area (only strategies 6.1 & 6.2)

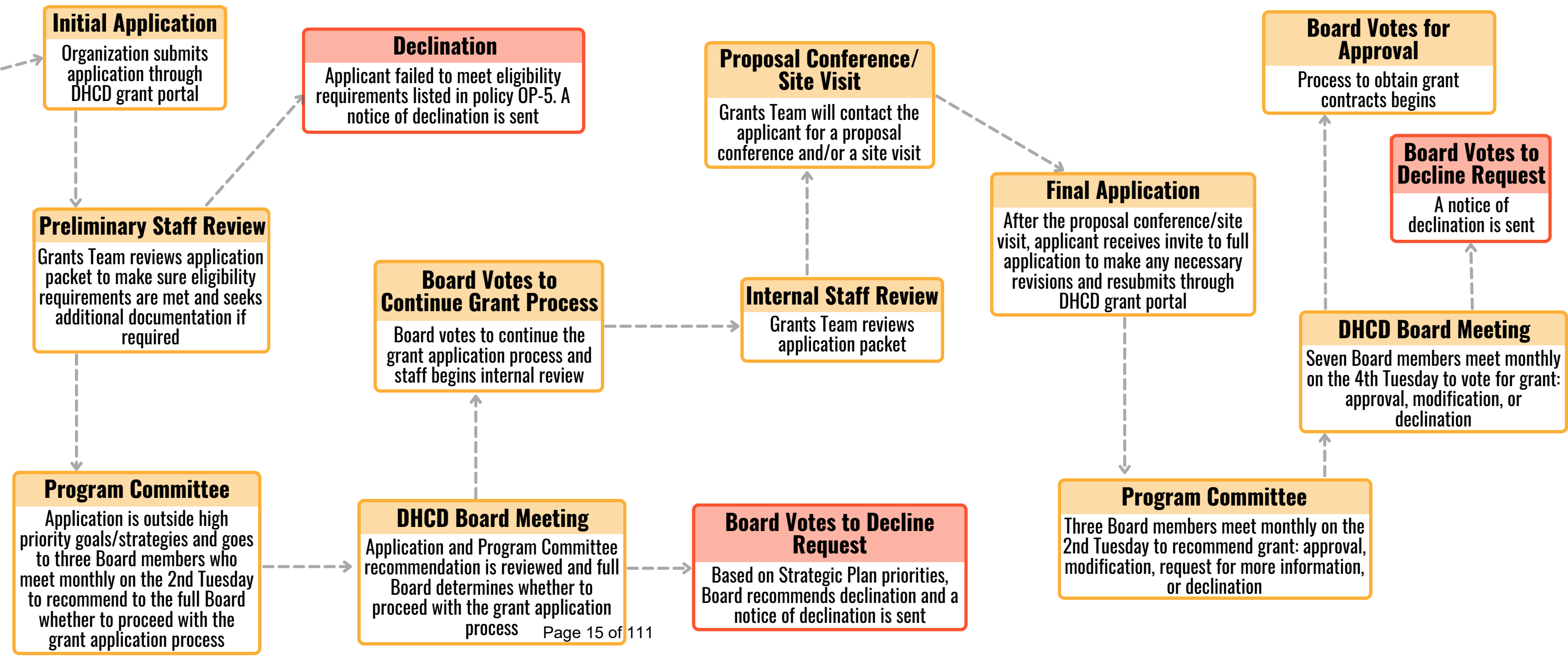


Non-Priority Strategic Plan Goals

Goal 5: Be responsive and supportive of selected community initiatives that enhance the economic stability of District's residents

Goal 6: Be responsive to and supportive of selected community initiatives that enhance the environment in the District's service area (strategy 6.3)

Goal 7: Be responsive and supportive of selected community initiatives that enhance the general health education of District's residents



*Goal 1 and Goal 4 are operational, internal Strategic Plan Goals and do not follow the grantmaking process



DESERT HEALTHCARE
DISTRICT & FOUNDATION

Date: February 13, 2024
To: Program Committee
Subject: Health Career Connections (HCC) Summer Internship: Healthcare Workforce Data

Recommendation: pursue the hosting of a Health Career Connections Intern for summer 2024

Background:

- During summer 2023, the Desert Healthcare District hosted a Health Career Connections intern for a 10-week internship. The internship project focused on healthcare workforce data pulling and using that data to create infographics.
- The work that came out of the 10-week internship was disseminated and shared with various stakeholders to help advance the Coachella Valley's work towards expanding the healthcare workforce.

Information:

- Desert Healthcare District staff would like to pursue hosting a Health Career Connections Intern for the summer 2024.
- The summer 2024 project would be a continuation of last summer's work with additional project components related to data visualizations for our grantmaking program.

Fiscal Impact:

- \$9,100 to be allocated from the FY 2023/2024 grant budget.



Date: February 13, 2024

To: Program Committee – District

Subject: Progress and Final Grant Reports 12/1/2023 – 1/31/2024

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

TODEC Legal Center # 1326

Grant term: 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2024

Original Approved Amount: \$100,000.

Progress Report covering the time period from: 1/1/2023 – 6/30/2023

Youth Leadership Institute # 1327

Grant term: 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024

Original Approved Amount: \$50,000.

Progress Report covering the time period from: 1/1/2023 – 6/30/2023

El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center # 1328

Grant term: 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024

Original Approved Amount: \$150,000.

Progress Report covering the time period from: 1/1/2023 – 6/30/2023

Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties # 1356

Grant term: 11/1/2022 – 10/31/2023

Original Approved Amount: \$140,000.

Final Report covering the time period from: 11/1/2022 – 10/31/2023

ABC Recovery Center # 1369

Grant term: 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023

Original Approved Amount: \$332,561.

Final Report covering the time period from: 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023

Desert AIDS Project dba DAP Health (DAP) # 1393

Grant term: 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024

Original Approved Amount: \$1,025,778.

Progress Report covering the time period from: 10/1/2023 – 12/31/2023

Galilee Center # 1392

Grant term: 6/1/2023 – 5/31/2024

Original Approved Amount: \$268,342.

Progress Report covering the time period from: 9/1/2023 – 11/30/2023

Vision y Compromiso # 1325

Grant term: 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024

Original Approved Amount: \$150,000.

Progress Report covering the time period from: 1/1/2023 – 6/30/2023

Cove Communities Senior Association dba The Joslyn Center # 1355

Grant term: 10/1/2022 – 9/30/2023

Original Approved Amount: \$85,000.

Final Report covering the time period from: 10/1/2022 – 9/30/2023

Jewish Family Services of the Desert # 1362

Grant term: 11/1/2022 – 10/31/2024

Original Approved Amount: \$160,000.

Progress Report covering the time period from: 5/1/2023 – 10/31/2023

DPMG Health # 1329

Grant term: 10/1/2022 – 9/30/2025

Original Approved Amount: up to \$500,000

Monthly Progress Report covering the time period from: 11/1/2023 – 11/30/2023

Grant Progress Report

Organization Name: TODEC Legal Center

Grant #: 1326

Project Title: TODEC's Equity Program

Contact Information:

Contact Name: Luz Gallegos
Phone: (951) 443-8458
Email: luzgallegos@todec.org

Grant Information

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$100,000

Grant Term (example 7/1/22 – 6/30/23): January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024

Reporting Period (example 7/1/22 – 10/31/22): 1/1/2023 – 6/30/2023

Desert Healthcare District Strategic Plan Alignment

Goal 5: Be responsive to and supportive of selected community initiatives that enhance the economic stability of the District residents.

Strategy: 5.2 On a situational basis, play a role in raising awareness of/facilitating progress on the social determinants of health specific to affordable housing for community residents and be a catalyst for community organizations to act in implementing solutions

Strategy: 5.3 On a situational basis, play a role in raising awareness of/facilitating progress on the social determinants of health specific to poverty among community residents and be a catalyst for community organizations to act in implementing solutions

Progress This Reporting Period

Please describe your project accomplishment(s) during this reporting period in comparison to your proposed goal(s) and evaluation plan.

Goal #1:

By December 31, 2024, provide outreach, education and awareness to 2,000 Latino farm workers about the social determinants of health specific to poverty, and be a catalyst to act in implementing solutions.

Progress of Goal #1:

During this reporting period, TODEC's Health Equity program has reached 666 unduplicated immigrants and farmworkers in the Coachella Valley via our intentional one-on-one outreach and education and we have achieved our goal to raise awareness about affordable housing and poverty to frontline farm workers. TODEC continues to work with its extensive network of public and nonprofit partners to reach frontline farm and food workers using effective, linguistically and culturally appropriate outreach.

Goal #2:

By December 31, 2024, provide outreach, education and awareness to 2,000 Latino farm workers about the social determinants of health specific to affordable housing, and be a catalyst to act in implementing solutions.

Progress of Goal #2: We have met this goal by creating awareness via community education and organizing 666 ECV residents to take action by understanding and elevating their realities on the social determinants of health specific to poverty to decision makers to find solutions and address residents inequities.

Progress on the Number of District Residents Served

Number of Unduplicated District Residents Directly Served During This Reporting Period: 666

Number of Unduplicated District Residents Indirectly Served During This Reporting Period: 1,998

Please answer the following questions:

- **Is the project on track in meeting its goals?** Yes, we are on track to reach our goals.
- **Please describe any specific issues/barriers in meeting the project goals.**
We have not experienced any issues or barriers.
- **If the project is not on track, what is the course correction?** N/A
- **Describe any unexpected successes during this reporting period other than those originally planned.**
To date, we have reached and educated 33.3% of the ECV residents of our initial projected goals with one-on-one intentional outreach and education.

Grant Progress Report

Organization Name: Youth Leadership Institute

Grant #: 1327

Project Title: Youth Voice in Mental Health

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Grant Information

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$50,000

Grant Term (example 7/1/22 – 6/30/23): 7/1/2022-6/30/2024

Reporting Period (example 7/1/22 – 10/31/22): 1/1/2023 – 6/30/2023

Desert Healthcare District Strategic Plan Alignment

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

Strategy 3.6: Educate community residents on available behavioral/mental health resources

Strategy 3.7: Collaborate/Partner with community providers to enhance access to culturally sensitive behavioral/mental health services

Progress This Reporting Period

Please describe your project accomplishment(s) during this reporting period in comparison to your proposed goal(s) and evaluation plan.

Progress of Goal #1:

In the Spring of 2022 in partnership with HARC (Health Assessment & Research for Communities) Inc., YLI ECV's ¡Que Madre! Media (¡QM!) youth developed and conducted content and questions for a focus group, surveys and mental health journal narrative prompts to collect quantitative and qualitative data as part of Youth-led participatory research project to identify mental health issues and opportunities in the Eastern Coachella Valley communities. A youth steering committee was formed and engaged to ensure youth were able to have a leadership role in the development of these research collection methods. These efforts have been instrumental in guiding programming, curriculum and strategies for ¡Que Madre! Media's efforts in mental health. By the end of 2023, the focus group was conducted and the mental health journal narrative collection was also completed. In late January 2023, ¡QM! launched a mental health survey to better understand how students feel on school grounds. By Spring 2023, with the support of HARC, all of our qualitative and quantitative data was compiled into a report.

YLI ECV's ¡QM! held 15 weekly meetings as part of their Fall 2022 programming in August 2022 - December 2022. In total, 23 youth were a part of the Fall 2022 cohort. The Fall 2022 cohort has supported the Youth-led participatory research project by supporting the mental

health journal narrative collection project. This cohort has also continued to engage with other youth, community members and organizations to further discuss mental health issues in our communities. In Spring 2023, yli ECV ¡QM! also held 15 weekly meetings as part of their Spring 2023 programming from February - May 2023. In total, ¡Que Madre! was able to engage 25 different youth from the ECV. The Spring 2023 cohort continued to support the youth-led participatory research projects by analyzing the report findings and further developing strategies through power mapping and ongoing discussions. Overall, young people agrees that there needs to be increased efforts in ensuring young people are aware and have access to local mental health resources. For the upcoming Fall 2023 programming, ¡QM! is looking forward to continuing to strengthen our policy and advocacy skills. By June 2024, ¡QM! aims to present findings and recommendations from research to elected and decision makers in Riverside County.

Progress of Goal #2:

In Fall 2022, ¡QM! Worked to identify youth, parents, community organizations and leaders to engage in a community coalition that centers mental health stories, issues and solutions in Riverside County. In total we engaged with 22 youth who attend our regularly scheduled ¡QM! Programming, at least 19 community organizations that serve the ECV which also includes some parents that live in the ECV, and at least 4 leaders, and we have done outreach to 200+ youth in the Eastern Coachella Valley to inform them about our efforts. In Spring 2023, we engaged 25 youth who attend our regular programming. We continue to meet with community partners and adult allies. Overall, we've outreached an additional 200+ youth in 2023.

Yli staff hosted a mental health coalition meeting in September 2022. Due to youth academic calendar scheduling conflicts, holiday breaks we decided to postpone our December 2022 meeting to February 2023 where we engaged our coalition members in a power mapping session. Since our programming shifted from virtual to in-person meetings, yli staff also hosted an additional coalition meeting in May 2023, where new young people were introduced to power mapping and the impact youth-led participatory research can have in local policy and their communities. Due to variability in youth's summer schedules, our next coalition meeting will be scheduled in Fall 2023 once youth are back in school.

Progress of Goal #3

YLI ECV's ¡QM! has created a database that includes community members and organizations and community leaders they have reached out to. They currently have 500+ youth, 20 community organizations and 4 community leaders. ¡QM! has continued to grow that database by planning strategic outreach efforts and engaging with local community organizations and leaders. In Summer 2023, yli staff has met with additional patterns to strengthen our mental health efforts for Fall 2023. Yli staff has upcoming meetings scheduled with local CVUSD leaders.

¡QM! staff is still developing a texting hotline.

Progress of Goal #4:

YLI ECV's ¡QM! launched their Spring 2023 programming in February 2023. During their 15 week programming youth worked to create a mental health zine. The bilingual mental health zine production process is being led by youth and will include a mental health resource guide, stories submitted by community members and content created by ¡QM! youth.

Due to scheduling conflicts and a shift in program meeting and location, yli staff extended their project dates for the zine and video. In Spring 2023, youth were able to finalize a video outline and script as well as a draft of a zine outline. During Fall 2023 programming, young people with the support of yli staff will complete both the video and zine. The completion of

both of these projects will align with the yli's Fall event, COVID x Mental Health Panel where we will have the opportunity to showcase both projects to a larger audience.

Progress of Goal #5:

YLI ECV's ¡QM! has met with several elected and decision makers including 3 school board members, 6 wellness center group staff, CVUSD Superintendent Dr. Valentino. We've also met with staff from Congressman Raul Ruiz office. In addition, we've met with about 20 community organizations that serve the ECV.

In 2023, we've continued to meet with school leaders and community partners to strengthen our relationship with local stakeholders. This will support strategizing and identifying 2-3 public meetings where young people will be able to present their findings and recommendations pertaining to young people's mental health and wellbeing by 2024.

Progress on the Number of District Residents Served

Number of Unduplicated District Residents Directly Served During This Reporting Period: 75

Number of Unduplicated District Residents Indirectly Served During This Reporting Period: 800

Please answer the following questions:

- **Is the project on track in meeting its goals?**
Yes
- **Please describe any specific issues/barriers in meeting the project goals.**
As yli transitioned from online to in-person meetings with young people, securing a location that was accessible for participants became an issue. Luckily, we were able to work with local high school teachers to host recurring weekly meetings with young people. Due to availability from teachers, sometimes we needed to shift meeting times or postpone workshops. However, yli was able to extend programming dates to ensure young people were able to attend the scheduled meetings and receive support from yli staff to complete their projects. In addition, several emergency lockdowns took place within this time, so yli staff had to either postpone or pivot scheduled meetings in order to best support young people during those difficult times.

For the upcoming Fall 2023 programming, yli staff has already started reaching out to teachers and school administrators so that we can secure a consistent meeting location space and time. Alternatively, yli staff is also considering community spaces to ensure we can host our meetings for this new program cycle.

- **If the project is not on track, what is the course correction?**
- **Describe any unexpected successes during this reporting period other than those originally planned.**
Yli has been able to identify new partnerships in alignments with our mission and goals when it comes to our youth-led efforts in local mental health issues. Yli looks forward to collaborating with these identified new partners for our COVID x Menalth Health Panel in Fall 2023.

Grant Progress Report

Organization Name: El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center

Grant #: 1328

Project Title: DHCD HUB

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Grant Information

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$ 150,000.00

Grant Term (07/01/22 – 6/30/24):

Reporting Period (01/01/23 – 06/31/23):

Desert Healthcare District Strategic Plan Alignment

Goal:

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

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

Goal 7: Be responsive to and supportive of selected community initiatives that enhance the general education of the District's residents.

Strategy: This project seeks to address the following strategies:

Goal 2, Strategy 2.7 Utilize an equity lens to expand services and resources to underserved communities

Goal 3, Strategy 3.6 Educate community residents on available behavioral and mental health resources

Goal 7, Strategy 7.1 Play a role in raising awareness of the impact of general health education on the health of community residents and be a catalyst for community organizations to act in implementing solutions.

Progress This Reporting Period

Please describe your project accomplishment(s) during this reporting period in comparison to your proposed goal(s) and evaluation plan.



Goal # 1 in progress Goal # 2 Completed Goal # 3 in progress

Goal #1:

The project will increase knowledge on health education, equity and policy advocacy among residents in the Coachella Valley, especially among Latinos and other minority groups, by the end of the project period.

Evaluation #1:

This goal will be evaluated by reaching the following outputs:

1. El Sol will develop two curricula on equity and advocacy by the end of the first six months.
2. 32 promotores will be trained on the two curricula and demonstrate an increase in knowledge gained by the end of month 9.

Progress of Goal #1:

The project will increase knowledge on health education, equity and policy advocacy among residents in the Coachella Valley, especially among Latinos and other minority groups, by the end of the project period.

The consultant is finalized the training and the training will be at the end of the year.

Goal #2:

The project will increase knowledge on mental health education and support for residents in the Coachella Valley, especially among Latinos and other minority groups, and provide enhanced support to 32 promotores by the end of the project period.

Evaluation #2:

This goal will be evaluated by reaching the following outputs:

1. El Sol will hire a licensed mental health worker to conduct a mental health training and support session for 32 promotores by the end of month 3.
2. 32 promotores will be trained on specific mental health topics, available mental health resources in the Coachella Valley, and how to initiate support groups by the end of month 6.
3. Promotores will reach 2,000 residents with support information on mental health by the end of the two year project.

Progress of Goal #2:

The project will increase knowledge on mental health education and support for residents in the Coachella Valley, especially among Latinos and other minority

groups, and provide enhanced support to 32 promotores by the end of the project period.

Curriculum as updated and training was delivered to a group of CHW/Ps and other participants to on Mental Health education and to become Resilience Group Facilitators.

Gender: Of these, 30 were female, and 1 male.

Age: Most of the participants were 26 years old or older (93%). Half of the participants were in the 35-54 years old range (55%); followed by 55–64, and 26- 34 year old range.

Race/Ethnicity. The majority of participants identified themselves as Latino (n29).

Primary Language. Most participants speak Spanish as their primary language (68%).

Marital Status. The majority of participants were married (52%), followed by divorced, and never married.

Training Feedback.

Meeting expectations. A total of 31 individuals participated in the training to become Resilience Group Facilitators. Of these, all agreed or strongly agreed that the training met their expectations.

Content quality. All participants agreed or strongly agreed that the training content was of good quality, and that it was easy to understand.

Usefulness of training. Participants were asked to rate how useful the training was; 90% strongly agreed that it was useful, and 10% agreed to the usefulness of the training.

Content Delivery. The delivery of the training was evaluated by asking participants to rate different areas of delivery including the facilitator's commitment to the training, how clear the content was presented, and if the training had a clear structure. Most participants (97%) strongly agreed that the facilitator demonstrated commitment to the training by presenting content very clearly. In addition, all participants rated the structure of the content as clear.

Perceived Self-Efficacy: capacity to deliver Wellbeing and Resiliency content to the community. At the end of the training, participants were asked to rate how convinced they were that they could deliver the Wellbeing and Resiliency content to their community. Most participants strongly agreed or agreed to their perceived self-efficacy to do so successfully.

Perceived Capacity Building: capacity to continuously learn and be capable to address community needs. Participants were asked to rate their perceived capacity to continue to learn with time, and assist with the needs of their community.

Self-Esteem. In addition to perceived capacity to deliver the training content to the community and ability to grow in knowledge and skills, participants were asked to rate their self-esteem in regard to being a good Community Health Worker/Promotor for their community's wellbeing. Also, participants were asked to rate their agreement on having many positive qualities as a Community Health Worker/Promotor. With the exception of a very few, most participants rated their self-esteem positively, with most strongly agreeing or agreeing to being a good CHW/P for their community, and having positive CHW/P qualities.

Additional training. Participants were asked if they planned to participate in additional training in community Wellbeing and Resiliency; 60% indicated that they do plan to continue learning in this area to further impact their community's wellbeing.

Qualitative feedback: what was liked the most. Participants had the opportunity to share what they enjoyed the most about the training with an open-ended question. The feedback highlighted the open interaction during the training as the most beneficial and most enjoyable. In addition, the following was given as having impacted the learning experience positively:

- Popular education approach: open dynamic/activities
- How it was taught using popular education methods for delivering the content to the community
- How thorough and complete the information was
- Understanding very clearly every step of wellbeing and resiliency
- Being able to build capacity in this particular area
- Group interaction and dynamics
- Very prepared and knowledgeable facilitators
- Popular education approach: art therapy
- Open space to learn from other CHW/Ps and their experience

Qualitative feedback: suggestions for improvement. When asked about suggestions for improvement of the training, most participants seemed to agree that they would have enjoyed having additional time for each module. Other suggestions included:

- Simulation of a crisis event and how to respond
- Additional content on family care, not just individual
- Additional time for individual activities

Goal #3:

The project will increase access to health education materials for other organizations, especially low-resourced, local organizations, by creating a virtual resource hub by the end of the project period.

Evaluation #3:

This goal will be evaluated by reaching the following outputs:

1. El Sol will hire a part-time web developer to design the resource hub by the end of month 3.
2. El Sol will design the virtual resource hub and upload at least 10 training resources by the end of the first year.

El Sol will promote this resource hub within CVEC and other local organizations/collaboratives to encourage knowledge and resource sharing

Progress of Goal #3

The project will increase access to health education materials for other organizations, especially low-resourced, local organizations, by creating a virtual resource hub by the end of the project period

El Sol conducted a qualitative study to discuss and analyze the CHWs/Ps need to

be personally, professionally, and technically successful. To gather qualitative data outside of the El Sol CHWs/Ps network, El Sol conducted focus groups and key informant interviews with CHWs/Ps and CHWs/Ps employers. A total of seven questions were asked in the focus groups and eleven questions were asked to the key informants. In addition to the qualitative data El Sol did a comprehensive literature review to see what resources already exist to support CHWs/Ps success.

The interviews assessed the needs and the existing resources for CHWs/Ps and the barriers that impede them from personal and professional growth. It was found that CHWs/Ps want 1) a central place to find tools and resources developed by them, with and for them, 2) to cultivate sincere and intentional connections with their colleagues and 3) to have a central place for their career advancement with a history of their trainings, certificates obtain, assessments, and reports etc.

The El Sol team proposed to develop a CHW/P Learning HUB to address this need. The CHW/P Learning HUB is a website that will contain a wide-range of information and tools on various topics related to the work of CHWs/Ps. It is a unique website that gives the users access to information and education on many topics, tools such as printable sheets, homework materials, assessments, videos, games, blogs, and forums, as well as a dashboard that will report their learning progress, trends, and more. In addition, this Learning HUB will also be used to support CBOs and employers with technical assistance, and they will have access to resources and training on how to incorporate the CHW/P into their operation.

The CHW/P Learning HUB is a place where CHWs will have a professional home with a large quantity of resources in a creative, engaging format such as videos, games, infographics, tipsheets, etc as well as a platform where they can interact with other CHWs in addition to keeping track of their own advancement history with access to their certificates, assessments, etc.

The team has developed tools that has been reviewed by CHWs, in addition software experts has been working on the website diligently to make it easy to navigate.

Progress on the Number of District Residents Served

Number of Unduplicated District Residents Directly Served During This Reporting Period: 650

Number of Unduplicated District Residents Indirectly Served During This Reporting Period: 3200

Please answer the following questions:

- **Is the project on track in meeting its goals? Yes**
- **Please describe any specific issues/barriers in meeting the project goals.**
- **If the project is not on track, what is the course correction?**
- **Describe any unexpected successes during this reporting period other than those originally planned.**

Grant Progress Report

Organization Name: Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties

Grant #: 1356

Project Title: Coachella Valley Therapeutic Apheresis Program

Desert Healthcare District Strategic Plan Alignment

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

Strategy: 2.3 -- Provide funding support and evaluation to community organizations providing expanded mobile primary and specialty care services (Priority: High)

Grant Information

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$140,000

Grant Term (example 7/1/22 – 6/30/23): 11/1/22 – 10/31/23

Reporting Period (example 7/1/22 – 10/31/22): 11/1/22 – 10/31/23

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Final Progress:

Final Outcomes on Goals and Evaluation

Project's final accomplishment(s) in comparison to the proposed goal(s) and evaluation plan.

Goal #1:

Through the use of dedicated equipment purchased with grant funding, based on statistics gathered over the past five years, we expect to provide TA treatment for approximately 25 Coachella Valley patients each year. Patients, on average, require 5 consecutive treatments.

Final Progress of Goal #1:

The number of patients LifeStream's staff treated during the grant period exceeded our project goal by 16%. We projected treating 25 patients during the grant period. Between 11/1/22 and 10/31/23, we treated 29 patients and performed 82 procedures. Twenty-

one (21) patients were treated at Eisenhower Health and eight (8) patients were treated at Desert Regional Medical Center.

Although there were delays in the delivery of the equipment due to supply chain issues, all equipment was purchased and placed into service by June 2023.

Final Evaluation of Goal #1:

Our tracking system monitored all requests for TA services by Desert Regional, Eisenhower Health, and JFK Memorial. Requests for TA treatments from Desert Regional and Eisenhower Health were in line with our projections. Even though no procedures or treatments were requested for patients at JFK Memorial, we do expect to receive requests for TA treatments in the future.

The requests we received from our hospital partners demonstrated the need for this program and ensured that Coachella Valley patients received expeditious therapeutic apheresis procedures to treat their serious illnesses. We expected to perform between 100 and 125 TA procedures throughout the year in Coachella Valley hospitals. The actual number of performed procedures was slightly lower than our original estimate because not all patients required 5 consecutive treatments. With the dedicated equipment and staff in place, we expect to treat an equal or greater number of patients each year through this program for several years.

Final Number of District Residents Served:

Proposed number of District residents to be directly served: 25

Final number of District residents directly served during the entire grant term: 29

Proposed number of District residents to be indirectly served: 0

Final number of District residents indirectly served during the entire grant term: 0

Please answer the following questions

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

The only issue we had initially was that some of the TA equipment was on back order at the manufacturer. Fortunately, we had other TA equipment we were able to “borrow” and deploy to meet the needs of Coachella Valley patients until the majority of new equipment arrived in March.

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

We were pleased to be able to treat four more patients than we originally projected.

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

The equipment that was purchased with DHCD funding is expected to be deployed to Coachella Valley hospitals for several years. LifeStream will continue to pay the salaries and benefits TA staff who will treat the seriously ill Coachella Valley patients.

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

1. We wouldn't do anything differently. Our program and processes are working according to plan.

Grant Progress Report

Organization Name: ABC Recovery Center

Grant #: 1369

Project Title: Cost of Caring Fund

Desert Healthcare District Strategic Plan Alignment

Goal: #2, proactively expand community access to primary and specialty care services.

Strategy: 2.7, utilize an equity lens to expand services and resources to underserved communities.

Grant Information

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$332,561

Grant Term (example 7/1/22 – 6/30/23): 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

Reporting Period (example 7/1/22 – 10/31/22): 10/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

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Final Progress:

Final Outcomes on Goals and Evaluation

Project's final accomplishment(s) in comparison to the proposed goal(s) and evaluation plan.

Goal #1: By December 31st, ABC Recovery Center projected we would directly serve **428** clients for addiction related services based on the data from year 2022. 2022's census may have been depressed from several factors including the end of most Covid restrictions which enables us to more fully utilize our housing and bringing our census back up to where it was pre-Covid.

Other factors include world and economic stress which are instrumental in mental and behavioral health, especially on already fragile populations.

Lastly, there is a greater input of illegal substances into our community and the impact that availability has on addiction services and needs.

Final Progress of Goal #1:

In Q4, we add an additional 160 unique clients served, and for the year we have a total of 796 unique Coachella Valley clients served.

Q1 – 275

Q2 – 168

Q3 – 193

Q4 – 160

Final Evaluation of Goal #1:

ABC Recovery Center served 398 persons more than our forecasted goal, 30 clients shy of doubling our anticipated goal or 93% over goal.

With the actual number of clients nearly doubling from the number forecasted for the year, the gap funding provided by Desert Healthcare District, touched each client, but couldn't cover the full gap in cost of services rendered with the reimbursements received.

Goal #2: By December 31st 2023, ABC projected we would support 856 people to be served indirectly through our Family Program.

Final Progress of Goal #2:

Collectively for the 4 quarters of reporting we have served 713 unique family members through the Family Program's three areas of outreach: Additionally, in Q4 we served families through our Thanksgiving Dinner and our Holiday Party adding another 75+ family members for Thanksgiving and 60 Family members for the Holiday Party.

Please note for the Holiday Party that we are unable to be determined exactly the number of unique family members that were served. The party's clients and their families were not accounted for individually, but the party served approximately 150 people including about 40 client children. We were conservative in estimating how many attendees were unique.

Total unique Family Program members served: 848, just 8 clients shy of the goal.

Breakdown of unique constituents thus far this year:

Q1 – 3 family weekends serving 45 family members participating in the Family Weekend Education Programs

Q2 – 3 family weekends serving 60 family members participating in the Family Weekend Education Programs

Q3 – 3 family weekends serving 54 family members participating in the Family Weekend Education Programs

Q4 – 3 family weekends serving 46 family members participating in the Family Weekend Education Programs

Q1 – conducted 13 webinars serving 42 family members

Q2 – conducted 9 webinars serving 47 family members

Q3 – conducted 14 webinars serving 20 family members

Q4 – conducted 12 webinars serving 26 family members

Q1 – 89 family members participated in collateral calls

Q2 - 103 family members participated in collateral calls

Q3 – 88 family members participated in collateral calls

Q4 - 93 family members participated in collateral calls (inclusive of 13 private therapy sessions)

Final Evaluation of Goal #2:

ABC Recovery Center came exceptionally close to meeting our goal and missed it by 8 in direct clients served. The Family Program has restructured it's staffing so that clients have a more preferred weekend schedule with the programming lasting just two days, but with longer programming on both days, eliminating the need for a three-day workshop.

The Family Program has also hired a Spanish speaking member who can best converse and interact with our non/limited English speaking direct and in-direct clients. This makes for a much more meaningful exchange of thoughts and ideas as well as eliminating a significant barrier to wellness.

Final Number of District Residents Served:

Proposed number of District residents to be directly served: 428

Final number of District residents directly served during the entire grant term: 796

Proposed number of District residents to be indirectly served: 856

**Final number of District residents Indirectly served during the entire grant term:
848**

Please answer the following questions

4. **Please describe any specific issues/barriers in meeting the proposed project goals:**

None

5. **Please describe any unexpected successes other than those originally planned.**

Having our client census grow so significantly throughout the past year and having the ability to keep up with that growth is an outcome of DHD's impact through your funding. Being able to count on your grant money for the Cost of Caring Fund enabled ABC to be much more nimble when dealing with other necessities that grew from a much fuller census.

6. **After the initial investment by the DHCD how will the project be financially sustained?**

The initial investment has enabled ABC to deploy our resources to other needs of the organization. The support from DHD comes at a critical time for ABC as we ready our facilities for expansion and utilize our funds to make the investments warranted for other significant needs in readying our campus for expansion beyond the dedicated grant funding from Riverside County for the new building(s).

Should ABC not have continued funding, we would need to revert to utilizing other resources to cover the gaps in client care as we did prior to DHD's philanthropic support in 2023.

With our client census continuing to grow to pre-pandemic levels, philanthropic support is crucial in allowing us to provide the very best programming to the majority of our clients who are dual-diagnosis and in need of multi-disciplinary care. With funding that closes the gap in reimbursements and actual costs, we can be assured we are providing the best care possible, while meeting our organizational needs for campus expansion and readying the care that will soon be possible when we eventually have the capacity to serve 2600 people annually. The demand is growing, and our capacity

and services needs to grow with the community's demand.

7. List five things to be done differently if this project were to be implemented and/or funded again.

With the additional grant money towards the Cost of Caring Fund, we would be able to explore other opportunities and take steps towards:

1. Expand our services for mental health and physical health resources in the community. Partnerships with Riverside County's Mobile Medical Unit, The Crisis Outreach Unit, and our ongoing collaboration with Riverside County Behavioral Health will assist us in continuing to provide dynamic services for the population served.
2. Increase our bilingual services. While ABC does employ bilingual staff at all levels, increasing the ability to serve Spanish speaking individuals continues to be a priority.
3. Expand outreach into the community to provide family services. We would like to open our Family Program to all families who may be struggling with addiction outside of ABC's current client population and into the greater community.
4. Explore a new level of care, providing services for clients that may have cognitive delays, severe Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and/or a history of head traumas. We are currently in the process of receiving approval of this level of care from the state and will be expanding our services to this underserved population, increasing the need for additional case management, and mental health collaboration.
5. Pursuing a specialized track for our LGBTQIA clients, and expanding it in the future, to include specialized programming. Most notably, ABC Recovery has prided itself in providing dynamic care for the transgender population, and providing mental and physical health resources and referrals including Desert AIDS Project

Grant Progress Report

Organization Name: Desert AIDS Project dba DAP Health (DAP)

Grant #: 1393

Project Title: DAP Health Expands Access to Healthcare

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Grant Information

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$1,025,778

Grant Term (example 7/1/22 – 6/30/23): 7/1/23-6/30/24

Reporting Period (example 7/1/22 – 10/31/22): 10/1/23 – 12/31/23

Desert Healthcare District Strategic Plan Alignment

Goals #2 & 3: Proactively expand community access to primary and specialty care services & Proactively expand community access to behavioral/mental health services

DAP Health's acquisition of Borrego Health is in alignment with the Desert Healthcare District's goals to proactively expand community access to primary, specialty care, and behavioral/mental health services. In 2023, DAP exhibited its dedication to enhancing healthcare accessibility and addressing the requirements of marginalized communities by proactively acquiring Borrego Health and safeguarding healthcare availability to Borrego's patients.

Strategy: Transfer former Borrego clinics, personnel, and patients to DAP. Convert Borrego's electronic health records (EHR) from Greenway Intergy to DAP's Epic EHR.

Progress This Reporting Period

Please describe your project accomplishment(s) during this reporting period in comparison to your proposed goal(s) and evaluation plan.

Progress of Goal #1:

Goal #1: Protect and maintain access to healthcare for 120,000 Borrego patients as they transition and become patients of DAP Health, beginning on July 1, 2023.

Progress towards Goal 1 is proceeding as planned. In the recent reporting period (October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023), the Director of Facilities at DAP conducted a thorough assessment of the status of all Borrego Health clinics. The assessment has identified numerous clinics that require upgrades to enhance their usability. The next steps involve bringing the clinics that fall short of the required standards to a level where DAP can ensure quality service delivery. An illustrative example is Centro Medico Oasis in Thermal, where the clinic's water source was well water containing elevated levels of arsenic, rendering it non-potable. Last week, DAP disconnected the clinic from the well water and established a connection to city water. A portion of the associated expenses was covered by grant funding. Since DAP doesn't own the majority of the properties, many existing grants and government funding opportunities restrict funding for building improvements if the building is leased.

In addition, DAP has established four positions for regional directors of operations, with three individuals already appointed to assume these roles starting January 2024. The recruitment process is actively underway for the fourth position. These directors, reporting directly to the Chief Operating Officer, will offer on-site support to clinics within their designated regions. The objective is to enhance communication, provide support, and promote collaboration throughout all organizational levels. DAP has also selected two of the four candidates to fill the counterpart roles of regional medical directors; these positions will report to the Chief Medical Officer. DAP is interviewing for the remaining openings.

Fiscal and data reporting reflect October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 are attached.

Progress of Goal #2:

Goal #2: Ensure seamless patient care by both retaining existing Borrego staff and recruiting new personnel to meet the service demands of the 120,000 individuals who rely on us for healthcare.

Between October 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023, former Borrego clinics within the District provided care to 16,357 patients between the Desert Hot Springs (5,643), Cathedral City (11,524), Martha's Village (706), and Coachella Valley Health Center (1,449) clinics. Of the patients served, 10,510 identified as Female, 8,104 Male; 35 Genderqueer, 125 Transgender Female, 175 Transgender Male, and 78 No Response or Other; 269 Migrant workers, 500 Seasonal workers, and 18,262 Non-Migrant/Seasonal workers, and 216 No response; 14,199 Hispanic, 4,006 Non-Hispanic, and 1,008 No response. Total visits for these clinics in this reporting period is 33,919. The demographic category totals are based on each clinic in the Coachella Valley's data, and with two urgent care clinics included, there is some patient data

overlap. For example, there are patients who visited Centro Medico Cathedral City and Centro Medical Cathedral City Urgent Care during the reporting period and would be duplicated in demographic category totals. The number of patients for all clinics, 16,357, is unduplicated.

DAP has successfully filled 31 vacancies within the former Borrego clinics during the reporting period. Positions filled included: one Medical Provider (MD), one Licensed Vocational Nurse, seven Medical Assistants, four Registered Nurses, and three Medical Providers (Nurse Practitioners).

Progress of Goal #3

Goal #3: Achieve sustainability through insurance billing reimbursement for the transferred Borrego clinicians under DAP clinician billable services contracts, by the end of the grant year in June 2024.

The Credentialing Committee continued to meet during this reporting period to vet, review, and recommend the remaining clinicians acquired under the acquisition and all are now credentialed under DAP with the exception of seven clinicians. The committee will continue to work with the seven clinicians yet to be credentialed during the third quarter reporting period.

Progress on the Number of District Residents Served

Number of Unduplicated District Residents Directly Served During This Reporting Period:

During this reporting period, 16,357 unduplicated residents were directly served on this grant during this reporting period.

Number of Unduplicated District Residents Indirectly Served During This Reporting Period:

The number indirectly served are those that have access to healthcare, but have not yet availed themselves of the services. As of December 31, 2023, up to 16,349 Borrego patients have not yet received services from a former Borrego clinic. The reported figures for unduplicated patients in this quarter do not incorporate the numbers from the previous reporting period. The year-end numbers will provide an accurate reflection of the unduplicated patient count for the entire year.

Please answer the following questions:

- **Is the project on track in meeting its goals?**
The project is on track and meeting its goals.

The project is on track and is meeting its goals.

- **Please describe any specific issues/barriers in meeting the project goals.**

One issue that DAP is facing is that there are still a number of unfilled medical provider openings. Despite the Coachella Valley being identified as a healthcare shortage area by the Health Resources & Services Administration, this issue extends beyond the local region, impacting the entire nation. The United States is anticipated to confront a projected shortage of physicians ranging from 37,800 to 124,000 within the next 12 years. (Robeznieks, A., "Doctor Shortages Are Here—and They'll Get Worse If We Don't Act Fast," April 13, 2022).

- **If the project is not on track, what is the course correction?**

The project is on track and no course correction is anticipated.

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

There were no unexpected successes during this reporting period.

Grant Progress Report

Organization Name: Galilee Center, Inc

Grant #: 1392

Project Title: Galilee Center Extended Shelter

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Grant Information

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$ 268,342

Grant Term (example 7/1/22 – 6/30/23): 06/01/2023 – 05/31/2024

Reporting Period (example 7/1/22 – 10/31/22): 09/01/2023 – 11/30/2023

Desert Healthcare District Strategic Plan Alignment

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

Strategy 2.7: Increase equitable access to primary and specialty care services and resources in underserved communities in Coachella Valley (Priority: High)

Progress This Reporting Period

Please describe your project accomplishment(s) during this reporting period in comparison to your proposed goal(s) and evaluation plan.

Galilee Center has been working hard to accomplish its goals during the reporting period. Galilee provided extended shelter to 242 unduplicated people seeking asylum. All guests received shelter, clothing, food baskets, baby diapers, and formula. Families also received medical care and transportation to immigration appointments. For the families and singles who decided to remain in the Coachella Valley, Galilee Center assisted them in finding a permanent place to live, paid for the first month's rent, and provided furniture vouchers.

Goal #1:

By May 31, 2024, 620 unduplicated people will have lodging in a motel shelter with 33 rooms, each with a kitchenette, refrigerator, and microwave.

Progress of Goal #1:

During the reporting period, Galilee Center provided shelter to 242 unduplicated asylum-seeking people, consisting of 98 children, 60 women, and 84 men. Families received clothing and kitchenware during orientation, and our caseworker/staff ensured they felt welcome. All families and singles receive food twice per week to prepare their meals. All families and individuals needing medical services were seen by the mobile medical clinic operated by the Desert Physicians Medical Group (DPMG) Health every Tuesday. Prescriptions were provided to the people as required.

Goal #2:

By May 31, 2024, 620 unduplicated people will be provided basic needs and other wrap-around services. Of these, 25 families and 50 individuals will remain in the Coachella, with 45 children enrolled in school. In addition, 23 families will receive rental assistance and furniture vouchers, and 590 people will receive medical care. Volunteer doctors from Desert Physicians Medical Group in Palm Springs will provide a free clinic at the extended shelter facility () every Tuesday from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. In addition, women in the Extended Shelter Program will participate in a Women's Support Group conducted weekly by a certified counselor who is a member of the DHCD board. Transportation will be provided for 590 people to their immigration appointments.

Progress of Goal #2:

From 09/01/2023 to 11/30/2023, Galilee Center Extended Shelter provided wrap-around services to all 242 individuals.

The following services were given:

Nights of Shelter 7,733	Rental Assistance 8 families, 2 Singles
Food Baskets 23,040	Furniture Vouchers 3
Clothing 242	Women's Support Group 0
Infant Services 181	Children enrolled in school 13
Medical Care Visits 290	Remained in the C. V. 18 families, 28 Singles
Immigration Appointments 220	

Goal #3:

By May 31, 2024, three full-time Case Workers will be employed to coordinate travel plans for 145 families to their destination when a sponsor becomes available and to assist 25 families with funding needed to relocate to a house or apartment in the local area if a sponsor is not secured.

Progress of Goal #3

Four caseworkers were hired to provide case management and coordinated services to families residing at the extended shelter. During the reporting period, the case workers coordinated travel plans for 67 families who continued to their destination in the United States.

The caseworkers also helped eight families and two singles move into an apartment or house.

Progress on the Number of District Residents Served

Number of Unduplicated District Residents Directly Served During This Reporting Period: 242

Number of Unduplicated District Residents Indirectly Served During This Reporting Period: 242

Please answer the following questions:

Is the project on track in meeting its goals?

Yes, the project is on track meeting its goals.

- **Please describe any specific issues/barriers in meeting the project goals.**
- **If the project is not on track, what is the course correction?**
- **Describe any unexpected successes during this reporting period other than those originally planned.**
 - These are some of the unexpected successes during this reporting period.
 - New collaborations to provide additional funding and bus passes for the families to move around the nearby cities.
 - New upgrades of all hotel rooms continued. Upgrades included new kitchen cabinets and stoves, painted rooms, and washed carpets.

Grant Progress Report

Organization Name: Vision y Compromiso

Grant #: 1325

Project Title: Support Leadership Training and Network capacity in Coachella Valley to expand Health Equity

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Grant Information

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$150,000.00

Grant Term (example 7/1/22 – 6/30/23): 7/1/22-6/30/24

Reporting Period (example 7/1/22 – 10/31/22): 1/1/23-6/30/23

Desert Healthcare District Strategic Plan Alignment

Goal: 2

Strategy: 2.7: Utilize an equity lens to expand services and resources to underserved communities: Increase the number of promotoras/CHWs.

Progress This Reporting Period

Please describe your project accomplishment(s) during this reporting period in comparison to your proposed goal(s) and evaluation plan.

Progress of Goal #1:

By June 30, 2024, Vision y Compromiso will provide diverse training and workforce development pathways to increase leadership and economic self-sufficiency among at least 30 promotoras, natural leaders in the Coachella Valley, each year (30 promotoras x 2 years= 60 promotoras).

Vision y Compromiso is leading the Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative's Education Sub-Committee's workplan and has been instrumental in ensuring promotores from the region have the skills, knowledge, and resources they need to successfully accomplish their work by providing trainings. Additionally, we have continued to facilitate a networking space for all promotores from the region that allows for continued support for this unique workforce. The following is a list of

trainings completed during the reporting period.

1. **January 25, 2023** ¡Logra lo que quieres, cuando lo quieres! Accomplish what you want when you want it Part 2, reaching 32 promotores.
2. **March 22, 2023:** Reconciliandome con mi ser mujer (mi papel como mujer, como mamá, como hija, como pareja, y como profesionista) Balancing being a woman (my role as a woman, mother, daughter, partner and professional) reaching 49 promotores.
3. **Mayo 3, 2023:** Reconciliandome con mi ser mujer (mi papel como mujer, como mamá, como hija, como pareja, y como profesionista) Balancing being a woman (my role as a woman, mother, daughter, partner and professional) Part 2 reaching 51 promotores.
4. **June 14, 2023:** Aumenta tus habilidades en las redes sociales. Increase your social media skills reaching 23 promotores.

Vision y Compromiso is currently leading a training effort with 32 local leaders that we anticipate will be ready to join the workforce and increase the presence of grassroots leaders in different sectors. Additionally, we completed an advocacy training during the summer with existing promotores that we will report on for the next period.

Progress of Goal #2:

By June 30, 2024, Vision y Compromiso will schedule and complete a minimum of 2 activities to raise awareness about the promotora model and leverage relationships with a minimum of 10 new workforce partners each year (10 partners x 2 years= 20 partners) and promote equitable employment opportunities for Coachella Valley residents.

Vision y Compromiso convened a symposium called Serving from the Heart focused on increasing awareness about the promotor model and its history throughout the world, in the United States and California to decrease disparities among disadvantaged communities as well as its best practices for integration into the health care and social support delivery systems. Additionally, given the current increased attention on the model statewide, the symposium addressed the future of the workforce regionally.

Over 80 people attended the event held at the Thousand Palms Community Center on March 1, 2023. Representatives from the nonprofit, county, hospital, clinic, university, and political sectors were present and participated on the expert panel, sharing the work they have successfully accomplished by incorporating the promotora model to reach diverse communities in the Coachella Valley. County Supervisor Manuel Perez addressed the emerging trends that can facilitate the integration of the model and his own experience with it and Dr. Conrado Barzaga, CEO the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation spoke about the current landscape in the region that would benefit from this unique workforce bringing an equity lens to the delivery of resources and services to improve health outcomes. The event lent itself to a lively dialogue among the participants about how to uplift and leverage the resources and experience had with such an innovative model in order to grow its presence in the region.

There was great enthusiasm among several sectors and Vision y Compromiso is continuing discussions with local hospitals and other nonprofits wanting to reach the Latino community in the Coachella Valley.

Progress of Goal #3

N/A

Progress of Goal #4:

N/A

Progress of Goal #5:

N/A

Progress on the Number of District Residents Served

Number of Unduplicated District Residents Directly Served During This Reporting Period: 118

Number of Unduplicated District Residents Indirectly Served During This Reporting Period: N/A

Please answer the following questions:

- **Is the project on track in meeting its goals? Yes.**
- **Please describe any specific issues/barriers in meeting the project goals.**
None at this time.
- **If the project is not on track, what is the course correction?**
N/A
- **Describe any unexpected successes during this reporting period other than those originally planned.**
None

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Organization Name: Cove Communities Senior Association dba The Joslyn Center

Grant #: #1355

Project Title: The Joslyn Wellness Center

Desert Healthcare District Strategic Plan Alignment

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

Strategy: 3.1, 3.2, 3.6, & 3.7: support increases in behavioral health professionals and operating hours; educate on available resources; and collaborate to enhance culturally sensitive services.

Grant Information

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$85,000.00

Grant Term: 10-1-22 – 9-30-23

Reporting Period: 10-1-22 – 9-30-23

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Final Progress:

Final Outcomes on Goals and Evaluation

Project's final accomplishment(s) in comparison to the proposed goal(s) and evaluation plan.

In order to support our outreach to the Hispanic/Latino community, the Joslyn Wellness Center hired a full time bilingual Spanish/English counselor beginning on October 2. In addition, we hired a full-time bilingual Spanish/English Intake/Outreach Specialist. This creates continuity and support for Spanish speaking clients wishing to engage in the Problem Solving Strategies counseling. Also, with the addition of two full-time employees in the Wellness Center we have been able to provide continuity to the program which helps the overall program to be more effective. Additionally, we have a part-time bilingual Spanish/English counselor working primarily in the Eastern Coachella Valley focusing on Indio and Coachella. We have strengthened our collaboration with the Braille Institute by expanding the Spanish speaking group to two groups as well as becoming their preferred referral for their Spanish and

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English speaking clients who have expressed a desire for counseling. We have continued working with the Indio Senior Center with group and individual counseling as well as with the Cathedral City Senior Center. The Mizell Center has been referring their case management clients who express a need for counseling to our program and we are looking to strengthen and expand this collaboration. Overall, the program either met or exceeded its goals in each of the areas in terms of number of clients participating except for the Aging Mastery Program. We have experienced additional enrollments recently, but have come to the realization that we cannot effectively complete more than 7 – 8 class programs per year. We far exceeded our goals of Problem Solving Therapy in both total enrollment and in the percentage of Spanish speaking/Hispanic participants. We were very close to achieving the goals of Spanish speaking/Hispanic participation in other programs, except for Aging Mastery. Overall, we expanded our collaborations, increased the number of clients served dramatically, and strengthened our collaborations and outreach to the Eastern Coachella Valley. Hiring two full-time Spanish speaking employees illustrates our commitment to further strengthen this outreach.

Goal #1:

By June 30, 2023, a minimum of 25 low-income older District residents aged 60 and over, including 20% from the Coachella Valley's Hispanic community, will participate in Problem Solving Therapy and will have received behavioral health assessments by the Joslyn Wellness Center's mental health clinicians to identify behavioral health issues that result in development of a treatment/action plan with specified goals and timeline for goal achievement.

Final Progress of Goal #1:

During this reporting period, we served a total of 115 low-income older District residents age 60 and over in the Problem Solving Therapy program. This exceeded our original projection of 80 total participants by 30%. A total of 48 were Spanish speaking/Hispanic totaling 42% of the overall number of clients served. In order to support our outreach to the Hispanic/Latino community, the Joslyn Wellness Center utilized a full-time bilingual Spanish/English counselor. In addition, we hired a full-time bilingual Spanish/English Intake/Outreach Specialist to ensure that enrollments and necessary demographic information is obtained and maintains data on each of the programs. This creates continuity and support for Spanish speaking clients wishing to engage in the Problem Solving Strategies counseling. Clients are always able to obtain services in their preferred language. Also, with the addition of two full-time employees in the Wellness Center we have been able to provide continuity to the program which helps the overall program to be more effective. Additionally, we have a part-time bilingual Spanish/English counselor working primarily in the Eastern Coachella Valley focusing on Indio and Coachella. We have strengthened our collaboration with the Braille Institute by expanding the Spanish speaking group to two groups as well as becoming their preferred referral for their Spanish and English speaking clients who have expressed a desire for counseling. We have continued working with the Indio Senior Center with group and individual counseling. Because of the demand for counseling in the East Valley, we no longer provide counseling at the Cathedral City Senior Center. The Mizell Center continues to refer their case management clients who express a need for counseling to our program and this collaboration has continued with staffing changes for both programs. We are pleased to report that we have established a collaborative agreement with Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine and maintain specific office hours at that location. We are able to see Volunteers in Medicine patients as well as other individuals residing in the Eastern Coachella Valley. The Joslyn Wellness Center also advertises for the program at Volunteers in Medicine in El Informador, the Spanish Language newspaper in the

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Coachella Valley.

Final Evaluation of Goal #1:

We are pleased to report that we far exceeded the number of clients originally expected to be seen in this program. This is a result of extended outreach and the addition of a full-time Spanish speaking counselor as well as a Spanish speaking Intake and Outreach Coordinator. The LCSW Supervisor reviewed each client chart and noted that all clients had received an extensive Psycho-social evaluation and a treatment plan was developed based on that evaluation. While some clients dropped out prior to completing the minimum three sessions, this was not unexpected and was not extensive. They are not included in the unduplicated client count. Each client was reviewed in supervision with the LCSW Supervisor to assess progress on the treatment plan and to insure that the PHQ-9 assessment was administered. Additionally, progress on treatment goals was evaluated to assess whether the client was receiving benefit from the counseling. Outreach continued on-site at the Indio senior center with counselors scheduling specific days for counseling and outreach. Additionally a specific day for counseling was also scheduled at the Cathedral City Senior Center. The outreach at the Cathedral City Senior Center ended in June due to a reported low number of clients and increased demand in the Eastern Coachella Valley. Outreach is continuing in the East Valley, and as previously indicated, we have entered into collaboration with Volunteers in Medicine at their offices in Indio where we will be able to see their patients who are interested in counseling as well as clients generated through our own outreach in the East Valley. We are also continuing to see groups and individual clients at the Indio Senior Center and through the Braille Institute. Near the end of this reporting period, we also began speaking with leadership at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Palm Desert in order to begin providing this program to their English and Spanish speaking parishioners.

Goal #2:

By June 30, 2023, a minimum of 17 low-income older District residents aged 60 and over, including 20% from the Coachella Valley's Hispanic community, who receive Problem Solving Therapy through the program will demonstrate improvement in resolving presenting issue identified in behavioral health treatment plans developed in collaboration with the program's counselors and Licensed Clinical Social Worker Program Director as documented through clinical assessment and/or self-report.

Final Progress of Goal #2:

All of the clients, except for the few that dropped out of treatment reported progress on at least one goal that was outlined in the treatment plan. This progress was noted in the client chart and was evaluated by the LCSW Supervising therapist who reviewed each client chart and maintained a spreadsheet documenting the development of a treatment plan, treatment goals, progress on achieving treatment goals. The assessment regarding progress on treatment goals was based on the counselor's clinical assessment, the client feedback, and was evaluated by the supervising LCSW. An assessment of progress toward reaching treatment goals was documented at the end of each counseling session and also reviewed by the supervising LCSW. Prior to each weekly supervision, the counselor would provide treatment notes to the supervising LCSW for review and assessment. Clients would then be discussed in the supervision session. Utilizing this method, we are confident that our regular monitoring of clients and client goals are being regularly evaluated and documented. As previously indicated, we saw a total of 115 Problem Solving Therapy clients and a total of 48 were Spanish speaking/Hispanic totaling 42% of the overall number of clients served.

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Final Evaluation of Goal #2:

All of the clients, except those that dropped out of treatment reported progress on at least one goal that was outlined in the treatment plan. This progress was noted in the client chart and was evaluated by the LCSW Supervising therapist who reviewed each client chart and maintained a spreadsheet outlining progress on achieving treatment goals, the completed treatment plan and progress on achieving treatment goals. The assessment regarding progress on treatment goals was based on the counselor's clinical assessment, the client feedback, and was evaluated by the supervising LCSW. An assessment of progress toward reaching treatment goals was documented at the end of each counseling session and also reviewed by the supervising LCSW. Prior to each weekly supervision, the counselor would provide treatment notes to the supervising LCSW for review and assessment. Clients would then be discussed in the supervision session. This process allows for an ongoing review of client progress and assistance and recommendations by the supervising LCSW to help provide therapy that would bring about progress on treatment goals.

Goal #3:

By June 30, 2023, a minimum of 21 low-income older District residents aged 60 and over, including 20% from the Coachella Valley's Hispanic community, will demonstrate achievement in one or more personal goals upon completion of the Aging Mastery Program.

Final Progress of Goal #3:

At the completion of this reporting period, a total of 33 low-income District residents age 60 and over participated in the Aging Mastery Program. Unfortunately, this fell short of the projected 100 participants. Six (6) were Hispanic, representing 19% of clients participating in the Aging Mastery Program. It should be noted that an additional 13 participants had enrolled in a class starting after the conclusion of this reporting period. Each participant was administered a pre- and post-program survey developed by HARC. 93% of the participants over the one year reporting period rated the program either Excellent or Good. All of the class participants indicated progress in achieving personal goals. There are nine (9) areas where participants can indicate changes or steps they will take following the class. These include a better understanding of aging, more exercise, making good financial choices, making efforts to improve social relationships and improving sleep. Based on a review of the Survey, participants selected a minimum of two (2) personal goals and many selected all nine (9) personal goals to continue their work. Survey comments of various participants were included in Progress Reports 1 and 2.

Final Evaluation of Goal #3:

It should be noted that this course consists of five (5) sessions over a five week program and five (5) courses have been offered since October, 2022. Enrollment decreased during the Summer months, but our outreach did result in larger classes at the end of this reporting period. We did exceed the total number of District residents who participated in the program by approximately 1/3, but fell a bit short of our goal to enroll at least 20% of participants from the Hispanic community. One challenge is that although the National Council on Aging provides course workbooks in Spanish, the course also requires expert speakers in each of the 10 course modules. The National Council on Aging does provide video presentations in English, but not in Spanish. We are continuing to work in recruiting subject matter experts and anticipate that our association with Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine will help us recruit experts in sleep, dieticians, exercise and medication management. Despite enrollment challenges and more robust involvement with the Spanish speaking community, a significant percentage

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of participants rated the class excellent or good and all participants indicated progress in achieving personal goals by outlining specific changes or actions they would take in achieving those goals.

Goal #4:

By June 30, 2023, a minimum of 26 low-income older District residents aged 60 and older, including 20% from the Coachella Valley's Hispanic community, who receive behavioral health services through the program will demonstrate learning of a minimum of one new technique to improve memory upon completion of the Brain Boot Camp. Participants in the program complete both a pre- and post-program survey in order to document participant progress.

Final Progress of Goal #4:

Brain Boot Camp proved to be a very popular and showed exciting growth. We initially projected an overall total of 120 participants and a total of 214 low income District residents participated in Brain Boot Camp with 24 of the total participants being Hispanic. While this number fell short of our goal of 20%, we did make progress in our ability to increase the number of Hispanic/Spanish speaking participants. The Spanish speaking counselor who was trained in delivering Brain Boot Camp translated the program slides provided by the UCLA Longevity Center. However, before he could begin providing classes, he accumulated his hours to take his licensing exam and was able to secure another position utilizing his licensure. It took several weeks to hire a new Spanish speaking counselor and when hired, we found that the UCLA Longevity Center was not currently offering training classes. The new counselor did observe several of the classes delivered by our most experienced facilitator, however, she did not feel fully confident in providing the class in Spanish without first taking the UCLA training. At the conclusion of the course, 94% of the participants indicated that they learned a minimum of at least one new technique for improving memory. These included the relationship between diet and brain health. In addition, physical activity was viewed as important in maintaining and improving brain health. Other techniques mentioned include paying attention, wanting to remember something as well as techniques on how to remember lists, names, and being aware of surroundings. Improved sleep habits was also an important factor learned by many of the participants. Participants learned that memory utilizes all five senses as well as the 'Big Four' factors in improving memory and brain health. These include: Nutrition, Physical Exercise, Stress Reduction, and Memory Enhancement Exercises. Many of the participants made specific comments about the changes they would make to improve their memory, some of which were outlined in Progress Reports 1 and 2.

Participant responses emphasized many of the core aspects of the course for improving memory such as paying attention, improving diet, regular exercise, socialization, and improving sleep habits.

Another important outcome of the Brain Boot Camp course were the participant responses to questions relating to "learning strategies to live a healthy lifestyle", "learning techniques to improve memory", and "learning the relationships between brain health and physical health and activity." Utilizing a five (5) point Likert Scale ranging from Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree, 93% of the participants indicated they either Strongly Agreed or Agreed with each of these questions.

Final Evaluation of Goal #4:

Brain Boot Camp proved to be very popular during this time period. Many of the participants enrolled because of our weekly advertising in The Desert Sun and other outreach efforts with brochures, Facebook posts and word of mouth. Of particular interest is that the overwhelming majority of

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participants not only enjoyed the class, they learned new techniques for improving memory and learned the relationship between nutrition, exercise, socialization, and brain health. Many of the participants were so enthusiastic about the class we had three informal follow-up groups so they could share their progress in achieving goals for improving memory and sharing memory enhancement techniques. Based on the evaluations of the class, we far exceeded our minimum goal of 70% learning a minimum of one technique to improve memory. Over 90% reported this goal of learning at least one technique to improve memory and many learned and adopted new behaviors to improve their brain health.

Goal #5:

By June 30, 2023, a minimum of 23 low-income older District residents aged 60 and older, including 20% from the Coachella Valley's Hispanic community, who participate in Go4Life exercise programs through the Joslyn Wellness Center will self-report improved quality of life and reduced anxiety and depression.

Final Progress of Goal #5:

Over the course of this reporting period, we had a total of 85 low-income older District residents aged 60 and older participate in the Go4Life Program. Overall, 16 reported as Hispanic, totaling 19% of the unduplicated clients in Go4Life. While we had projected 100 unduplicated clients, our records show a total of 85 participating in this program. Our benchmark was that 75% of participants would report improvement in quality of life and reduction in anxiety and depression. At the end of this reporting period, we asked participants to complete a course survey consisting of 10 questions on a 1 – 5 Likert scale ranging from Disappointing to Exceptional. Of those completing the survey, an average of 80% responded that the quality of the program was Exceptional. We did experience a large increase in "Exceptional" rating from the first reporting period to the second reporting period. This could be related to a change in group leader. 87% also responded that their participation in the program had improved the quality of their life. 90% overall responded that participation in the program helped reduce any stress, anxiety or depression they had been experiencing. These numbers far exceed our initial goals of 75%. These responses support the research that underlies this Evidence Based program.

Final Evaluation of Goal #5:

For the most part, we met our goals related to Go4Life. Overall participation fell a little short of projections, but the impact and outcomes were better than expected. One unexpected outcome is that participants tend to socialize following the class in our lobby and engage in conversation and developing friendships. Therefore, this course helps directly impact loneliness and Isolation. Although not funded by this grant, we included this program as a part of the holistic approach by the Wellness Center in addressing issues related to loneliness, isolation, and reduction of stress, anxiety, and depression.

Final Number of District Residents Served:

Proposed number of District residents to be directly served: The number of District residents projected to be served by this grant was 61.

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Final number of District residents directly served during the entire grant term: The total number of District residents/unduplicated clients served was 353.

Proposed number of District residents to be indirectly served: 152

Final number of District residents Indirectly served during the entire grant term: We estimate that at least 700+ district residents were indirectly served during the term of this grant based on the impact of the classes and counseling on family and social circles.

Please answer the following questions

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

While one of our goals is to provide the opportunity for Associate Counselors to obtain enough hours for licensure, this process can impact our ability in some cases to meet projected goals. During this reporting period, two of our counselors accumulated enough supervised hours to take their licensure exam and left to study. Both eventually passed their exam and were able to obtain employment commensurate with their licensure. This impacted our ability to deliver classes, especially among many in the Spanish speaking and Hispanic community. It took several weeks for us to replace the full-time Spanish speaking counselor and that impacted our ability to work with Cathedral City as planned. Additionally, the lack of support materials from the National Council on Aging for the delivery of Spanish language Aging Mastery Program in the form of Spanish language “experts” impacted our ability to deliver that course as originally intended. This directly affected the number of clients who enrolled in the program.

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

The Joslyn Wellness Center has been very pleased with the impact of our outreach to the Spanish speaking/Hispanic community. Developing the collaboration with Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine was an important success as well as the growth in the collaboration with the Braille Institute. Our new collaboration with Sacred Heart Church in Palm Desert will also start to produce additional clients from both the Spanish and English speaking communities. We have also been fortunate to recruit very capable counselors who are committed to our goals. Also, we remain very careful to recruit native Spanish speaking counselors. All of our interviews for Spanish speaking counselors include a very fluent Spanish speaking member of our staff who can determine if the counselor can provide the level of fluency in Spanish that we believe is necessary to provide effective counseling that helps reduce stigma.

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

The Joslyn Wellness Center has been very fortunate to have several funders and private donors who support this program. The Auen Foundation, Grace Helen Spearman Charitable Foundation,

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Regional Access Project Foundation and the Houston Family Foundation, just to name a few have been strong supporters. Our Board of Directors is committed to the success and growth of the Wellness Center and is directing activities toward its sustainability. Additionally, The Joslyn Center is making investments in Solar Power and building our Endowment to provide long-term sustainability by reducing our electric bills by an estimated \$30,000 and provide an Endowment income of between \$30 – 50,000 per year. The impact of continued support by the Desert Healthcare District cannot be underestimated. In order to achieve the goal of providing mental health support services to the East Valley, the commitment by current funders to achieve that goal is critical. Few other local or regional foundations have the resources and commitment to this goal of providing equitable mental health services and it is important that programs continue to receive the support of the Desert Healthcare District.

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

1. Focus more on providing counseling services to the Eastern Coachella Valley and look to other sources for funding Brain Boot Camp and Aging Mastery;
2. Further analyze and develop necessary infrastructure to deliver courses such as Brain Boot Camp and Aging Mastery in Spanish;
3. Grow a network of collaboration within the educational community to improve access to well qualified Spanish speaking counselors to improve the ability to recruit counselors to our program;
4. Improve outreach to a wider range of funders to promote the program and the successes it has achieved. This program has been recognized as a Program of Excellency by the National Institute of Senior Centers and National Council on Aging. We should promote the real impact of the program to media and others to get the word out of what is being done by The Joslyn Wellness Center.
5. Continue to build the internal infrastructure and data collection to eventually become electronic records based in order to assist in reporting and evaluation.



Grant Progress Report

Organization Name: Jewish Family Services of the Desert

Grant #: 1362

Project Title: Mental Health Counseling Services for Underserved Coachella Valley Residents

Contact Information:

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Grant Information

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$160,000.00

Grant Term (example 7/1/22 – 6/30/23): 11/01/2022 - 10/31/2024

Reporting Period (example 7/1/22 – 10/31/22): 5/01/2023 - 10/31/2023

Desert Healthcare District Strategic Plan Alignment

Goal: Goals #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5

Strategy: Strategies 3.2, 3.4, 3.7, 4.1, 4.5, 5.1, and 5.2

Progress This Reporting Period

Please describe your project accomplishment(s) during this reporting period in comparison to your proposed goal(s) and evaluation plan.

Jewish Family Service of the Desert (JFS) has achieved several goals during this reporting period. We are pleased to report an increase in new patients after identifying and managing the flow of clinically necessary appointments to accommodate new and current clients. With 31 new clients served in this reporting period, we are confident of reaching our goal of serving 1,344 unduplicated clients annually while building capacity

in our clinical team and resilience in our Coachella Valley Communities.

As current JFS counseling clients continue to stay “engaged” in their treatment, we have met Goal #2, with 78% of clients attending at least three counseling sessions. As clients progress through their treatment plans, we expect the number of adults attending three or more sessions to fluctuate while remaining at or above the 70% target as they experience the positive impact of the sessions. We continue to offer clients the opportunity to seek support in the manner they prefer, whether it is in-person or by telecare, and in the language that best meets their needs. Adding additional Spanish language capacity is an ongoing growth goal for our clinical team.

Recruitment for the second cohort of “Whole Soul” continues. The clinical team incorporated learnings to adjust and improve our content. While we did not engage a cohort over the summer months, we continue our efforts to advertise the group, adjust social media awareness campaigns, work to engage students throughout the region and encourage their participation.

During the school year, JFS offered counseling services to students at the Della Lindley Elementary School, with nine students participating, consistent with the first six months measuring student engagement. Jewish Family Services’ ongoing outreach efforts continue to the three school districts to share agency information and make school officials aware of services and support available to their students.

JFS continues to build capacity in our clinical team with consistent and novel recruiting efforts and engaging emerging professionals who are seeking to establish their credentials and serve our Coachella Valley communities. Four clinical interns are on the JFS Team; all four are providing mental health counseling services and two are classified as ‘Associate Clinicians’, through their Board of Behavioral Sciences registration.. In addition to the offer extended to a new clinical team member in the last reporting cycle, a local candidate is expected to join our team and complete his first year internship in the Case Management Department with a plan for his second year to focus on counseling.. JFS continues to explore ways to increase our clinical team by developing our intern program.

Progress of Goal #1: [Goal #1: 1,344 counseling clients per fiscal year.](#)

During this reporting period, JFS has provided 486 Coachella Valley residents of all ages with a total of 3,328 low- or no-cost mental health counseling sessions. This represents 36% of the proposed 1,344 clients per year. As noted in the initial reporting period, the JFS clinical team intentionally slowed new client intake and revised the scheduling process to better manage the flow of existing and new clients, allowing for an appropriate number of available sessions for existing clients. Changes initiated have ensured that existing clients can be scheduled as often as needed and to ensure appropriate follow-up in their treatment. The revised process also allows for the appropriate discharge of those clients who have completed treatment. In addition, the clinical interns have created more available appointments for new, non-insurance

clients. The new scheduling process and revised systems has allowed 31 new clients to be served in this reporting period. Providing mental health services to 1,344 unduplicated clients per year may be attainable, and we work toward that target; the agency's electronic health record (EHR) remains the most reliable means of gathering and reporting on these data.

Progress of Goal #2: Goal #2: 70% of adult clients (847) will attend 3 or more sessions.

Current: JFS is committed to ensuring that counseling clients presenting with needs for more acute care receive more periodic scheduling and attend 3 or more sessions with a JFS therapist. We are happy to report that we have surpassed this goal. Out of the 486 clients served in this reporting period, 401 were adult clients, of which 313, or 78%, attended 3 or more sessions. Of the 31 new clients in the scheduling flow, some have not yet been seen for three sessions with respect to when they joined the program. Attending at least three sessions is an important goal for which the use of the EHR will be key in determining agency success, particularly as we assess and schedule new patients and respond to current patient's scheduling needs. The clinical team's ongoing use of the EHR will track this information and is the primary evaluation method for Goal #2.

Progress of Goal #3: Goal #3: 100% of adult clients (1,210) will be administered depression screening tools.

JFS therapists administered the adult depression scale to all 401 adult clients who received care during this reporting period, meeting the proposed goal of offering and grading scales for 100% of therapy clients. Depression scales are administered to adult clients at intake and at four and eight weeks after counseling begins, and at the therapist's discretion, to monitor clinical progress. The JFS clinical team realizes the benefit of periodic assessments, and their use of the EHR makes tracking and reviewing past scores more likely.

Progress of Goal #4: Goal #4: 10 local youth will attend the "Whole Soul" group in FY23.

JFS is committed to enrolling ten local youth in our "Whole Soul" program in FY 2023. Our first "Hole Soul to a Whole Soul" group of four local youths (40% of the goal) successfully completed the group curriculum. Recruiting efforts for the next cohort are underway. Our teams continue outreach to Coachella Valley youth by participating in social events like 'Back-to-School' programs and other special events. We expect to repeat the success of the initial recruitment and implementation, with promotional efforts taking place in the first quarter of 2024 and group availability in the second quarter of 2024.

Progress of Goal #5: To ensuring that all of our adult clients are aware of the JFS case management services, including emergency financial assistance.

JFS is committed, under Goal #5, to ensure that all of our adult clients are aware of the JFS case management services, including emergency financial assistance. We are confident of achieving this goal consistently; the revised Client Registration Form provides information on case management services which each client must acknowledge receiving. We will continue to provide written information to all counseling clients and JFS therapists will continue to remind their clients of available case management services to help highlight the opportunity and meet client needs. As information is included in clinical notes, progress toward this goal is monitored through ongoing discussions with the clinical team and the agency's Clinical Director, in addition to review of client records.

Progress on the Number of District Residents Served

Number of Unduplicated District Residents Directly Served During This Reporting Period: 486

Number of Unduplicated District Residents Indirectly Served During This Reporting Period: 2,187

Please answer the following questions:

- **Is the project on track in meeting its goals?**

Yes

- **Please describe any specific issues/barriers in meeting the project goals.**

JFS is confident in our ability to meet Goals #2, #3, and #5 by the end of the program period by managing current processes and engaging with new and existing clients as is done currently.

As noted, we have addressed a previously reported potential difficulty in meeting Goal #1 by adjusting new client acceptance to ensure an appropriate number of available sessions for existing clients. Increases in referral rates and our enhanced ability to onboard new clients means the agency has increased new clients in this reporting period. We are now focused on building capacity in our clinical team that

will allow us to increase available counseling sessions, increasing the likelihood of meeting Goal #1. In the 12 month period from 1 November 2022 through 31 October 2023, JFS clinical teams have provided service to 614 unduplicated clients. While the existing Clinical Internship program is a great benefit to the counseling program, we continue efforts to recruit licensed clinicians to meet the ongoing needs of Coachella Valley residents.

JFS is committed to offering counseling services in the fashion requested by clients, whether in-person or via telehealth services, and in the client's preferred language.

We look forward to monitoring new client referrals and intakes and reporting on Goal #1 progress over the next six months.

We believe there is adequate time and interest in the "Whole Soul" group to attain project Goal #4, we expect to increase community marketing in the next quarter, including marketing to area providers of mental health services that do not currently offer a group analogous to "Whole Soul."

- **If the project is not on track, what is the course correction?**

JFS expects to meet all stated program goals. The agency's ongoing efforts to increase clinical bandwidth, accommodate additional referrals, and expand current partnerships while establishing new collaborations will increase our ability to reach each goal.

The ongoing availability to offer telecare services allows us to continue engaging out-of-state therapists. We are pursuing creative ways to increase the size and capacity of our clinical team through approaches like offering a CA-based salary to residents in states with a lesser cost of living.

In addition, JFS has created a clinical training program that offers supervision to paid and unpaid clinical interns in an effort to train additional therapists while hopefully recruiting for the organization and retaining licensed clinical professionals in the Coachella Valley. We are actively pursuing funding to expand this program as we work to close the gap between available therapists and area residents in need of affordable and accessible mental health care. Currently, the clinical team includes four interns, two of whom are paid associates. JFS is limited to adding more interns based on the ability of the current licensed staff to provide the required supervision.

Increasing clinical capacity and referral capacity means reviewing intake, scheduling, and billing procedures to identify opportunities for new efficiencies and

potential pressure points as the program grows. We are committed to a 'client-centric' process to improve service and compliance; success of the program continues to be measured by our ability to provide affordable access to mental health care for all Coachella Valley residents, our clients attending at least three counseling sessions, and experiencing an improvement in symptoms. JFS case management and clinical teams work together to ensure that clients are aware of the services available to them and that they can readily access them.

Working toward greater efficiencies and improved customer service, JFS is in the process of implementing a new, more efficient electronic health record (ERH) that offers improved billing processing, scheduling, and video conferencing. The new ERH will be operational in April 2024. The EHR/client interface will be significantly improved, offering clients the chance to make rescheduling requests directly from an email reminder, a function that is not currently available. This easy option will decrease appointment no-shows and cancellations, optimizing both the care and capacity of the clinical staff.

All of the steps noted above are ongoing.

Recruitment for the next "Whole Soul" cohort will include increased outreach to other providers who might have clients who can benefit from this type of group support and other partners making referrals to JFS. We have adapted program content and literature and are engaging partners across all the communities in our service area.

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

JFS is excited to report that, through the Clinical Internship Program, agreements are now in place with several organizations for client referrals. Referring organizations include:

1. Desert Cancer Foundation
2. DAP Health
3. The Family Health & Support Network's Building Resilience in African-American Families (BRAAF) program

Additional potential partners with whom discussions have ensued include:

1. The Boys and Girls Club of Cathedral City
2. Elder Love USA
3. Braille Institute
4. Neuro Vitality Center

Report Period: 11/01/2023 - 11/30/2023
(Monthly report due the 15th of each month)

Program/Project Information:

Grant # 1329
Project Title: DPMG Health Street Medicine
Start Date: 10/1/2022
End Date: 9/30/2025
Term: 36 months
Grant Amount: \$500,000.00
Executive Summary: Desert Physicians Medical Group Health is committed to bridging health and community. We plan to expand access and provide care for those living in the Coachella Valley. This funding will provide support for the medical mobile unit and communities we serve. It is anticipated that 3,000 patient encounters will be conducted via the medical mobile unit by September 30, 2023 with an expansion by September 30, 2025 to increase total annual patient encounters to at least 7,000 per year, including primary and specialty care services.

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Services	By September 30, 2025, increase total annual patient encounters to at least 7,000 per year and provide extended hours and weekend hours at least 1,400 encounters per year.	<p>The table and graph below illustrates the total number of patient encounters seen since October 1, 2023 up to this reporting period.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="678 1015 1990 1388"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Date</th> <th rowspan="2">Location</th> <th rowspan="2"># of Patients seen</th> <th colspan="2">Gender</th> <th colspan="3">Age</th> <th rowspan="2">Unknown</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Female</th> <th>Male</th> <th>≤ 18 yo</th> <th>19-64 yo</th> <th>≥ 65 yo</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr style="background-color: #c00000; color: white;"> <td colspan="9" style="text-align: center;">October 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10/2/23</td> <td>Gojji Telemedicine</td> <td>14</td> <td>8</td> <td>6</td> <td>0</td> <td>12</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>								Date	Location	# of Patients seen	Gender		Age			Unknown	Female	Male	≤ 18 yo	19-64 yo	≥ 65 yo	October 2023									10/2/23	Gojji Telemedicine	14	8	6	0	12	2	0
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		10/3/23	Gojji Telemedicine	10	5	5	0	10	0	0
		10/4/23	R.I.S.E. Smoke Tree	3	0	3	0	3	0	0
		10/4/23	Gojji Telemedicine	11	7	4	0	9	2	0
		10/4/23	Birth Choice of the Desert	2	2	0	0	2	0	0
		10/5/23	Coyote Run Apartments	40	25	15	9	26	5	0
		10/5/23	Gojji Telemedicine	9	6	3	0	9	0	0
		10/6/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	9	1	8	0	8	1	0
		10/6/23	Gojji Telemedicine	10	4	6	0	10	0	0
		10/9/23	Gojji Telemedicine	12	7	5	0	11	1	0
		10/10/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	35	19	16	14	21	0	0
		10/11/23	Birth Choice of the Desert	2	2	0	0	2	0	0
		10/11/23	Gojji Telemedicine	14	6	8	0	12	2	0
		10/12/23	Substance Abuse Recovery Home	15	2	13	0	14	1	0

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		10/12/23	Gojji Telemedicine	16	8	8	0	14	2	0
		10/13/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	12	3	9	0	9	3	0
		10/13/23	Gojji Telemedicine	15	10	5	0	12	3	0
		10/15/23	Coachella Youth Sport Association	14	8	6	0	13	1	0
		10/16/23	Gojji Telemedicine	13	9	4	0	13	0	0
		10/17/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	22	15	7	11	11	0	0
		10/17/23	Gojji Telemedicine	11	5	6	0	11	0	0
		10/18/23	Gene Autry Wash	3	0	3	0	3	0	0
		10/18/23	Gojji Telemedicine	12	5	7	0	9	3	0
		10/19/23	Desert Hot Springs Unhoused Outreach	18	8	10	0	17	1	0
		10/19/23	Gojji Telemedicine	14	10	4	0	10	4	0
		10/20/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	15	5	10	0	13	1	1
		10/20/23	Gojji Telemedicine	13	10	3	0	11	2	0
		10/23/23	Gojji Telemedicine	14	6	8	0	14	0	0
		10/24/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	23	9	14	6	17	0	0

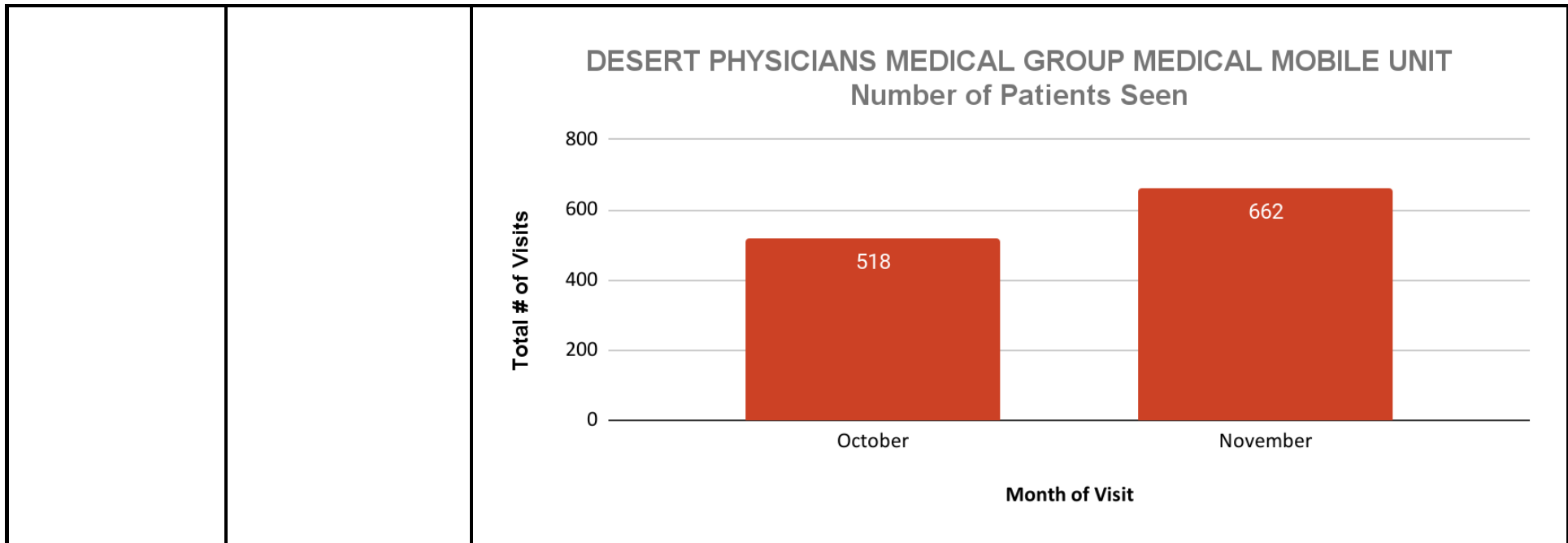
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10/25/23	R.I.S.E. Access Center	11	2	9	0	10	1	0
10/25/23	Gojji Telemedicine	13	6	7	0	13	0	0
10/26/23	Gojji Telemedicine	9	6	3	0	8	1	0
10/27/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	10	1	9	0	10	0	0
10/27/23	Gojji Telemedicine	4	2	2	0	4	0	0
10/28/23	DAP Equity Walk	4	1	3	0	3	1	0
10/30/23	Mountain View Estates	31	24	7	17	14	0	0
10/30/23	Gojji Telemedicine	6	4	2	0	5	1	0
November 2023								
11/1/23	R.I.S.E. Access Center	3	0	3	0	3	0	0
11/1/23	Birth Choice of the Desert	2	2	0	0	2	0	0
11/1/23	Gojji Telemedicine	5	4	1	0	3	2	0
11/2/23	Gojji Telemedicine	5	2	3	0	3	2	0
11/3/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	12	4	8	0	11	1	0
11/3/23	Gojji Telemedicine	6	4	2	0	4	2	0
11/4/23	Palm Springs Pride	354	127	227	3	296	52	3
11/6/23	Gojji Telemedicine	4	2	2	0	4	0	0

		11/7/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	13	7	6	7	6	0	0
		11/8/23	R.I.S.E. Access Center	8	1	7	0	6	2	0
		11/8/23	Birth Choice of the Desert	2	2	0	0	2	0	0
		11/8/23	Gojji Telemedicine	3	2	1	0	2	1	0
		11/9/23	Substance Abuse Recovery Home	12	2	10	0	12	0	0
		11/9/23	Gojji Telemedicine	5	3	2	0	3	2	0
		11/10/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	10	1	9	0	10	0	0
		11/10/23	Gojji Telemedicine	6	2	4	0	4	2	0
		11/13/23	Gojji Telemedicine	11	8	3	0	10	1	0
		11/14/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	19	11	8	10	9	0	0
		11/15/23	R.I.S.E. Access Center	3	1	2	0	3	0	0
		11/15/23	Birth Choice of the Desert	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
		11/15/23	Gojji Telemedicine	3	3	0	0	2	1	0
		11/16/23	Desert Hot Springs Unhoused Outreach	16	4	12	0	13	3	0

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		11/16/23	ABC Recovery Home	24	7	17	0	24	0	0
		11/16/23	Gojji Telemedicine	4	2	2	0	3	1	0
		11/17/23	Gojji Telemedicine	8	5	3	0	8	0	0
		11/20/23	Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	20	13	7	7	10	3	0
		11/20/23	Gojji Telemedicine	7	3	4	0	6	1	0
		11/21/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	34	17	17	11	23	0	0
		11/22/23	Gojji Telemedicine	5	2	3	0	5	0	0
		11/27/23	Mountain View Estates	20	9	11	8	12	0	0
		11/27/23	Gojji Telemedicine	4	1	3	0	4	0	0
		11/28/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	24	12	12	8	16	0	0
		11/28/23	Gojji Telemedicine	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
		11/29/23	Gojji Telemedicine	3	1	2	0	2	1	0
		11/30/23	Gojji Telemedicine	5	4	1	0	5	0	0
		Total Since October 2023		1180	538	642	123	938	115	4



Goal	Goal/ Objective/ Other Topics	Successes, Emergent Issues, Challenges, Findings, and Supportive Information (Graphs, reports, indicator results, etc.)
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Services	By September 30, 2023, provide primary and specialty care services to 3,000 patients.	The table and graph below illustrates the total number of patient encounters seen since the launch of services on October 1, 2022 up to this reporting period.								
		Date	Location	# of Patients seen	Gender		Age			Unknown
					Female	Male	≤ 18 yo	19-64 yo	≥ 65 yo	
October 2022										
10/14/22	Our Lady of Guadalupe	3	1	2	0	2	1	0		

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		- Street Medicine							
10/15/22		Oasis Thermal - Arsenic Clinic	28	16	12	5	23	0	0
10/22/22		Desert Hot Springs Health & Wellness Center	30	22	8	6	19	5	0
10/28/22		Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	4	2	2	0	3	1	0
November 2022									
11/11/22		Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	2	0	2	0	2	0	0
11/19/22		Oasis Thermal - Arsenic Clinic	10	7	3	0	9	1	0
December 2022									
12/9/22		Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	5	0	5	0	4	1	0
12/23/22		Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	6	2	4	0	5	0	1
January 2023									
1/6/23		Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	7	2	5	0	5	2	0
1/19/23		Headstart Nursery	30	12	18	0	24	5	1
1/19/23		Tudor Ranch	76	21	55	0	56	16	4

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1/20/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	3	0	3	0	3	0	0
1/25/23	Mobile Van Clinic	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
1/28/23	Palm Springs Health Run & Wellness Festival	3	0	3	0	2	1	0
February 2023								
2/3/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	2	1	1	0	2	0	0
2/17/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	11	3	8	0	7	2	2
2/22/23	Anthony Vineyards	71	9	62	1	57	12	1
March 2023								
3/3/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	9	3	6	0	9	0	0
3/10/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	6	2	4	0	4	0	2
3/14/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	59	33	26	34	24	1	0
3/17/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	3	0	3	0	2	1	0
3/19/23	Anthony Vineyards - "Dia de la Familia" Health Fair	46	27	19	6	33	6	1

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3/21/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	40	21	19	17	23	0	0
3/24/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	5	1	4	0	3	2	0
3/28/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	37	18	19	20	17	0	0
3/31/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	6	1	5	0	4	1	1
April 2023								
4/4/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	16	6	10	7	9	0	0
4/11/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	56	23	33	30	26	0	0
4/14/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	11	2	9	0	8	3	0
4/18/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	56	26	30	19	37	0	0
4/21/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	15	1	14	0	11	1	3
4/25/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel -	41	14	27	11	30	0	0

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		Refugee Clinic							
4/28/23		Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	10	3	7	0	6	1	3
May 2023									
5/2/23		Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	35	15	20	8	26	1	0
5/3/23		Mental Health Awareness Fair	36	25	11	5	31	0	0
5/4/23		John Glenn Middle School Tdap Clinic	12	5	7	11	1	0	0
5/5/23		Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	16	5	11	0	10	4	2
5/8/23		Indio Middle School Tdap Clinic	18	10	8	15	3	0	0
5/9/23		Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	35	19	16	5	30	0	0
5/10/23		Valle Del Sol Elementary Tdap Clinic	35	20	15	34	1	0	0
5/10/23		Saul Martinez Elementary Tdap Clinic	24	7	17	24	0	0	0
5/11/23		Thomas Jefferson Middle School Tdap Clinic	8	3	5	8	0	0	0

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		5/12/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	12	4	8	0	10	2	0
		5/15/23	Colonel Mitchell Paige Middle School Tdap Clinic	2	2	0	2	0	0	0
		5/16/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	37	19	18	6	31	0	0
		5/17/23	Palm Desert Charter Middle School Tdap Clinic	31	11	20	31	0	0	0
		5/18/23	La Quinta Middle Stem Academy Tdap Clinic	34	12	22	34	0	0	0
		5/19/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	5	2	3	0	4	1	0
		5/20/23	CVUSD District Office Tdap/COVID Clinic	31	18	13	29	2	0	0
		5/22/23	Palm Desert High School Sports Physicals	289	135	154	289	0	0	0
		5/23/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	29	13	16	7	22	0	0
		5/25/23	Sacred Heart Tdap Clinic & Sports Physicals	29	12	17	29	0	0	0
		5/26/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe	16	3	13	0	13	3	0

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	- Street Medicine							
5/30/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	44	21	23	19	25	0	0
5/31/23	La Quinta High School Sports Physicals	288	128	160	288	0	0	0
June 2023								
6/1/23	Cathedral City High School Sports Physicals	197	94	103	197	0	0	0
6/2/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	13	4	9	0	10	2	1
6/5/23	Palm Springs High School Sports Physicals	231	152	79	231	0	0	0
6/6/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	25	14	11	10	15	0	0
6/9/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	11	2	9	0	9	2	0
6/13/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	17	7	10	5	12	0	0
6/14/23	Gene Autry Wash	6	2	4	0	6	0	0
6/20/23	Galilee Center at	13	1	12	0	13	0	0

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	Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic							
6/21/23	Gene Autry Wash	12	6	6	0	10	2	0
6/23/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	13	3	10	0	10	3	0
6/27/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	17	7	10	4	13	0	0
6/28/23	Gene Autry Wash	7	2	5	0	6	1	0
6/30/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	10	1	9	0	9	0	1
July 2023								
7/5/23	Gene Autry Wash	23	6	17	0	23	0	0
7/5/23	Gojji Telemedicine	8	1	7	0	7	1	0
7/6/23	Gojji Telemedicine	12	7	5	0	11	1	0
7/7/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	13	3	10	0	10	3	0
7/7/23	Gojji Telemedicine	4	4	0	0	4	0	0
7/10/23	Gojji Telemedicine	2	1	1	0	2	0	0
7/11/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	36	20	16	15	21	0	0

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		7/11/23	Gojji Telemedicine	2	1	1	0	2	0	0
		7/12/23	Gene Autry Wash	10	3	7	0	8	2	0
		7/12/23	Gojji Telemedicine	2	1	1	0	2	0	0
		7/13/23	Gojji Telemedicine	14	6	8	0	12	2	0
		7/14/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	18	10	8	0	17	1	0
		7/14/23	Gojji Telemedicine	5	3	2	0	5	0	0
		7/17/23	Gojji Telemedicine	4	2	2	0	4	0	0
		7/18/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	39	21	18	17	22	0	0
		7/18/23	Gojji Telemedicine	3	1	2	0	3	0	0
		7/19/23	Gene Autry Wash	11	4	7	0	10	1	0
		7/19/23	Gojji Telemedicine	4	2	2	0	3	1	0
		7/20/23	Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	5	4	1	0	3	2	0
		7/20/23	Gojji Telemedicine	5	2	3	0	4	1	0
		7/21/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	17	7	10	0	15	2	0
		7/21/23	Gojji Telemedicine	5	5	0	0	5	0	0
		7/24/23	Gojji Telemedicine	4	1	3	0	4	0	0
		7/25/23	Galilee Center at	28	15	13	13	15	0	0

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	Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic							
7/25/23	Gojji Telemedicine	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
7/26/23	Gene Autry Wash	15	3	12	0	13	1	1
7/26/23	Gojji Telemedicine	5	4	1	0	4	1	0
7/27/23	Gojji Telemedicine	13	6	7	0	13	0	0
7/28/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	29	9	20	0	26	2	1
7/28/23	Gojji Telemedicine	5	3	2	0	4	1	0
7/31/23	Substance Abuse Recovery Home	33	12	21	3	29	1	0
7/31/23	Gojji Telemedicine	4	3	1	0	4	0	0
August 2023								
8/1/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	22	14	8	9	13	0	0
8/1/23	Gojji Telemedicine	2	0	2	0	2	0	0
8/2/23	Gene Autry Wash	6	4	2	0	6	0	0
8/2/23	DSUSD District Tdap Clinic	36	16	20	36	0	0	0
8/2/23	Gojji Telemedicine	6	2	4	0	4	2	0
8/3/23	Gojji Telemedicine	6	3	3	0	4	2	0

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		8/4/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	15	5	10	0	13	2	0
		8/4/23	Gojji Telemedicine	8	5	3	0	8	0	0
		8/7/23	La Quinta Middle School Tdap Clinic	75	38	37	74	1	0	0
		8/7/23	Gojji Telemedicine	5	4	1	0	5	0	0
		8/8/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	35	20	15	13	22	0	0
		8/9/23	Gene Autry Wash	4	1	3	0	3	1	0
		8/9/23	Gojji Telemedicine	5	4	1	0	5	0	0
		8/10/23	Desert Ridge Academy Vaccine Clinic	48	27	21	47	1	0	0
		8/10/23	Gojji Telemedicine	9	4	5	0	6	3	0
		8/11/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	13	6	7	0	10	3	0
		8/11/23	Gojji Telemedicine	8	4	4	0	7	1	0
		8/14/23	Cahuilla Desert Academy Tdap Clinic	46	26	20	46	0	0	0
		8/14/23	Gojji Telemedicine	5	3	2	0	5	0	0
		8/15/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	15	6	9	4	10	1	0

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		8/16/23	Gene Autry Wash	6	1	5	0	5	1	0
		8/16/23	Gojji Telemedicine	4	2	2	0	3	1	0
		8/17/23	Gojji Telemedicine	5	1	4	0	4	1	0
		8/17/23	Woodspur Farms	35	25	10	2	33	0	0
		8/18/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	9	1	8	0	6	3	0
		8/18/23	Gojji Telemedicine	7	6	1	0	7	0	0
		8/22/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	22	12	10	6	16	0	0
		8/22/23	Gojji Telemedicine	2	1	1	0	2	0	0
		8/23/23	Toro Canyon Middle School Tdap Clinic	13	11	2	13	0	0	0
		8/23/23	Thomas Jefferson Middle School Tdap Clinic	9	6	3	9	0	0	0
		8/23/23	Gojji Telemedicine	4	1	3	0	4	0	0
		8/24/23	Desert Hot Springs Unhoused Outreach	17	7	10	0	13	4	0
		8/24/23	Gojji Telemedicine	6	3	3	0	6	0	0
		8/25/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	7	2	5	0	4	3	0
		8/25/23	Gojji Telemedicine	6	2	4	0	5	1	0

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8/28/23	Substance Abuse Recovery Home	20	7	13	2	15	3	0
8/28/23	Gojji Telemedicine	6	4	2	0	6	0	0
8/29/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	40	22	18	21	19	0	0
8/30/23	Gene Autry Wash	6	2	4	0	6	0	0
8/30/23	Gojji Telemedicine	6	2	4	0	4	2	0
8/31/23	Gojji Telemedicine	4	1	3	0	3	1	0
September 2023								
9/1/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	12	4	8	0	9	3	0
9/1/23	Gojji Telemedicine	17	9	8	0	17	0	0
9/5/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	28	12	16	7	21	0	0
9/5/23	Gojji Telemedicine	14	12	2	0	14	0	0
9/6/23	Gojji Telemedicine	15	6	9	0	15	0	0
9/7/23	Gojji Telemedicine	16	9	7	0	14	2	0
9/8/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	15	5	10	0	9	6	0
9/8/23	Gojji Telemedicine	14	8	6	0	11	3	0

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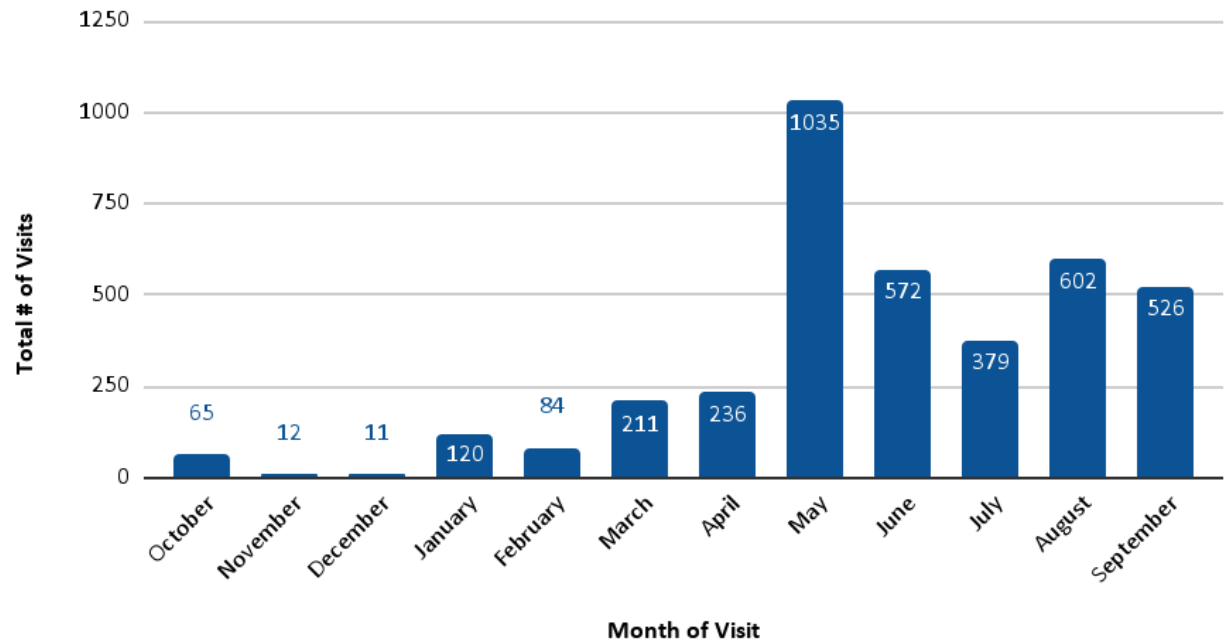
		9/11/23	Mountain View Estates	17	13	4	3	13	1	0
		9/11/23	Gojji Telemedicine	15	6	9	0	13	2	0
		9/12/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	22	15	7	6	16	0	0
		9/12/23	Gojji Telemedicine	11	8	3	0	11	0	0
		9/13/23	Gene Autry Wash	11	5	6	1	9	1	0
		9/13/23	Gojji Telemedicine	15	10	5	0	15	0	0
		9/14/23	Gojji Telemedicine	14	7	7	0	12	2	0
		9/15/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	15	6	9	0	12	3	0
		9/15/23	Gojji Telemedicine	14	9	5	0	14	0	0
		9/18/23	Paseo De Los Heros II	8	6	2	2	6	0	0
		9/18/23	Gojji Telemedicine	19	8	11	0	17	2	0
		9/19/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	21	9	12	8	13	0	0
		9/19/23	Gojji Telemedicine	11	8	3	0	11	0	0
		9/20/23	Gene Autry Wash	8	3	5	0	7	1	0
		9/20/23	Gojji Telemedicine	15	8	7	0	11	4	0
		9/21/23	Desert Hot Springs Unhoused Outreach	22	9	13	0	18	4	0

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9/21/23	Gojji Telemedicine	16	6	10	0	14	2	0
9/22/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	12	4	8	0	10	2	0
9/22/23	Gojji Telemedicine	14	10	4	0	14	0	0
9/25/23	Our Lady of Soledad	16	8	8	0	14	2	0
9/25/23	Gojji Telemedicine	14	9	5	0	10	4	0
9/26/23	Galilee Center at Western Sands Motel - Refugee Clinic	23	9	14	6	17	0	0
9/26/23	Gojji Telemedicine	12	7	5	0	12	0	0
9/27/23	Birth Choice of the Desert	2	2	0	0	2	0	0
9/27/23	Gojji Telemedicine	13	8	5	0	11	2	0
9/28/23	Gojji Telemedicine	12	6	6	0	11	1	0
9/29/23	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Street Medicine	11	2	9	0	7	2	2
9/29/23	Gojji Telemedicine	12	9	3	0	11	1	0
Totals: October 2022 - September 2023		3853	1821	2032	1810	1824	192	27

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Number of Patients Seen





**DESERT HEALTHCARE
DISTRICT & FOUNDATION**

Date: February 13, 2024
To: Program Committee
Subject: Grant Applications, RFPs, and MOUs Submitted and Under Review

Staff Recommendation: Information only.

Grant Applications: The following grant and mini grant applications have been submitted and are under review by the grants team and are pending either proposal conferences and/or a site visit. Recommendations/suggested decisions will be brought forward to the Program Committee for possible action:

1. Mini Grant #1433 GANAS \$10,000: Mission is to improve the quality of life of the Hispanic and Latino special needs community –
 - a. Status: pending a proposal conference.
2. Grant #1428 ABC Recovery Center
 - a. Status: Proposal conference conducted – application withdrawn and to be resubmitted to request 2 years of operating support for behavioral health staff and uncompensated prescription medicines.
3. Mini Grant #1431 Habitat for Humanity - \$10,000 application being revised to reflect program component for the Client Services Coordinator to conduct regular wellness checks ensure clients' health and safety and identify unmet needs and partnering with numerous community-based and government organizations to provide clients with referrals and linkages to vital services.
 - a. Status: application being revised.
4. Grant #1409 UCR School of Medicine - \$475,609 for three years to support and engage doctors in training (medical students) in the screening, diagnosis, and treatment of cardiovascular disease among patients accessing the Coachella Valley Free Clinic in Mecca.
 - a. Status: After site visit to the Mecca clinic on January 16, 2024 grantee is withdrawing application and resubmitting a new application to request 2 year operating support for the free clinic.

Recently Board-approved grants:

1. Grant# #1403 Vision to Learn \$50,000
2. Grant #1419 Blood Bank of SB & Riverside Counties aka LifeStream \$104,650
3. Grant #1420 Braille Institute - \$36,697
4. Grant #1421 Olive Crest \$359,594

1. Mini Grant #1430 Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America St. Louis Chapter: \$10,000 for 50 Asthma Newly Diagnosed Kit project to be provided to Coachella Valley families and children newly diagnosed with asthma and follow up of 1-2 additional touchpoints with schools and families, to check in every 6-8 weeks during the school year. In alignment with Strategic Plan Goal 6: Be responsive to and supportive of selected community initiatives that enhance the environment in the District's service area/Strategy 6.1: Increase awareness of the health impacts of the air quality in the Coachella Valley (Priority: High)

Recently declined grants:

1. Mini Grant #1427 Family Services of the Desert Inc., dba Food Now – requesting funds to support two programs: Children's Weekend Meals Program and Youth Outreach Food Distribution covering staff, food expense, and related expenses including transportation, facility, and utilities. Strategic plan goal #5: Be responsive to and supportive of selected community initiatives that enhance the economic stability of District residents/Strategy 5.3
 - a. Reason for declination: application was outside of the high priority goals #2, #3, and #6 (strategies 6.1 and 6.2) set by the Board of Directors in December 2023

DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT							
OUTSTANDING GRANTS AND GRANT PAYMENT SCHEDULE							
January 31, 2024							
TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2024							
Grant ID Nos.	Name	Approved	6/30/2023	Current Yr	Total Paid Prior Yrs	Total Paid Current Yr	Open
		Grants - Prior Yrs	Bal Fwd	2023-2024	July-June	July-June	BALANCE
2014-MOU-BOD-11/21/13	Memo of Understanding CVAG CV Link Support	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 3,320,000		\$ -		\$ 3,320,000
2022-1301-BOD-01-25-22	UCR Regents - Community Based Interventions to Mitigate Psychological Trauma - 1 Yr.	\$ 113,514	\$ 11,352		\$ 5,747		\$ 5,605
	Unexpended funds Grant #1301						\$ (5,605)
2022-1311-BOD-04-26-22	Desert Arc - Healthcare for Adults with Disabilities Project Employment of Nurses - 1 Yr.	\$ 102,741	\$ 10,275		\$ 10,275		\$ -
2022-1313-BOD-04-26-22	Angel View - Improving Access to Primary and Specialty Care Services for Children With Disabilities 1 Yr.	\$ 76,790	\$ 7,680		\$ 7,680		\$ -
2022-1314-BOD-05-24-22	Voices for Children - Court Appointed Special Advocate Program - 1 Yr.	\$ 60,000	\$ 6,000		\$ 6,000		\$ -
2022-1325-BOD-06-28-22	Vision Y Compromiso - CVEC Unrestricted Grant Funds - 2 Yrs.	\$ 150,000	\$ 82,500		\$ 33,750		\$ 48,750
2022-1327-BOD-06-28-22	Youth Leadership Institute - Youth Voice in Mental Health - 2 Yrs.	\$ 50,000	\$ 27,500		\$ 11,250		\$ 16,250
2022-1328-BOD-06-28-22	El Sol - Expanding Access to Educational Resources for Promotoras - 2 Yrs.	\$ 150,000	\$ 82,500		\$ 33,750		\$ 48,750
2022-1331-BOD-06-28-22	Pueblo Unido - Improving Access to Behavioral Health Education and Prevention Services - 2 Yrs.	\$ 50,000	\$ 27,500		\$ 11,250		\$ 16,250
2022-1324-BOD-07-26-22	Galilee Center - Our Lady of Guadalupe Shelter - 2 Yr.	\$ 100,000	\$ 55,000		\$ 22,500		\$ 32,500
2022-1332-BOD-07-26-22	Alianza CV - Expanding and Advancing Outreach Through Increasing Capacity Development - 2 Yrs.	\$ 100,000	\$ 55,000		\$ -		\$ 55,000
2022-1329-BOD-09-27-22	DPMG - Mobile Medical Unit - 3 Yrs.	\$ 500,000	\$ 450,000		\$ 111,572		\$ 338,428
2022-1350-BOD-09-27-22	JFK Memorial Foundation - Behavioral Health Awareness and Education Program - 1 Yr.	\$ 57,541	\$ 5,755		\$ 5,755		\$ (0)
2022-1355-BOD-09-27-22	Joslyn Center - The Joslyn Wellness Center - 1 Yr.	\$ 85,000	\$ 8,500		\$ 8,500		\$ 0
2022-1361-BOD-09-27-22	DAP Health - DAP Health Monkeypox Virus Response - 1 Yr.	\$ 586,727	\$ 340,654		\$ 7,659		\$ 332,995
	Unexpended funds Grant #1361						\$ (332,995)
2022-1356-BOD-10-25-22	Blood Bank of San Bernardino/Riverside Counties - Coachella Valley Therapeutic Apheresis Program - 1 Yr.	\$ 140,000	\$ 77,000		\$ 63,000		\$ 14,000
2022-1358-BOD-10-25-22	Foundation for Palm Springs Unified School District - School-Based Wellness Center Project - 1 Yr.	\$ 110,000	\$ 60,500		\$ -		\$ 60,500
2022-1362-BOD-10-25-22	Jewish Family Service of the Desert - Mental Health Counseling Services for Underserved - 2 Yrs.	\$ 160,000	\$ 124,000		\$ 72,000		\$ 52,000
2022-1326-BOD-12-20-22	TODEC - TODEC's Equity Program - 2 Yrs.	\$ 100,000	\$ 77,500		\$ 22,500		\$ 55,000
2022-1330-BOD-12-20-22	OneFuture Coachella Valley - Building a Healthcare Workforce Pipeline - 2 Yrs.	\$ 605,000	\$ 468,874		\$ 136,124		\$ 332,750
2022-1369-BOD-12-20-22	ABC Recovery Center - Cost of Caring Fund Project - 1 Yr.	\$ 332,561	\$ 257,735		\$ 257,735		\$ -
2023-1333-BOD-01-24-23	Organizacion en California de Lideres Campesinas - Healthcare Equity for ECV Farmworker Women - 2 Yrs.	\$ 150,000	\$ 116,250		\$ 33,750		\$ 82,500
2023-1363-BOD-01-24-23	Pegasus Riding Academy - Pegasus Equine Assisted Therapy - 1 Yr.	\$ 60,092	\$ 33,052		\$ 27,040		\$ 6,012
2023-1372-BOD-02-28-23	Reynaldo J. Carreon MD Foundation - Dr. Carreon Scholarship Program - 1 Yr.	\$ 50,000	\$ 27,500		\$ 22,500		\$ 5,000
2023-1391-BOD-05-23-23	Lift To Rise - Driving Regional Economic Stability Through Collective Impact - 3 Yrs.	\$ 900,000	\$ 832,500		\$ 67,500		\$ 765,000
2023-1392-BOD-05-23-23	Galilee Center - Galilee Center Extended Shelter - 1 Yr.	\$ 268,342	\$ 207,965		\$ 120,754		\$ 87,211
2023-1393-BOD-06-27-23	DAP Health - DAP Health Expands Access to Healthcare - 1 Yr.	\$ 1,025,778	\$ 1,025,778		\$ 692,400		\$ 333,378
2023-1398-BOD-06-27-23	Desert Healthcare Foundation - Core Operating Support - 1 Yr.	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000		\$ 750,000		\$ -
2023-BOD-06-27-23	Carry over of remaining Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Funds for Mobile Medical Unit Program	\$ 395,524	\$ 395,524		\$ -		\$ 395,524
2023-1399-Mini-07-06-23	Theresa A. Mike Scholarship Foundation - Mini Grant			\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	\$ -
2023-1401-Mini-07-07-23	Word of Life Fellowship Center - Mini Grant			\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	\$ -
2023-1396-Mini-07-25-23	Boys & Girls Club of Coachella Valley - Mini Grant			\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	\$ -
2023-1389-BOD-07-25-23	Step Up on Second Street - Step Up's ECM/LOS Programs in the Coachella Valley - 1 Yr.			\$ 64,401		\$ 28,980	\$ 35,421
2023-1394-BOD-07-25-23	CSU San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus Nursing Street Medicine Program - 1 Yr.			\$ 73,422		\$ 33,040	\$ 40,382
2023-1397-Mini-08-23-23	Well In The Desert - Mini Grant			\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	\$ -
2023-1402-Mini-09-05-23	Ronnie's House for Hope - Mini Grant			\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	\$ -
2023-1414-Mini-09-14-23	Desert Access and Mobility, Inc. - Mini Grant			\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	\$ -
2023-1400-BOD-09-26-23	Desert Arc - Desert Arc Health Care Program - 1 Yr.			\$ 291,271		\$ 65,536	\$ 225,735
2023-1404-BOD-09-26-23	Martha's Village and Kitchen - Homeless Housing and Wrap-Around Services Expansion - 2 Yrs.			\$ 369,730		\$ 83,189	\$ 286,541
2023-1405-BOD-09-26-23	Variety Children's Charities of the Desert - Expansion of Core Programs and Services - 1Yr.			\$ 120,852		\$ 54,383	\$ 66,469
2023-1408-BOD-10-24-23	Coachella Valley Volunteers In Medicine - Ensuring Access to Healthcare - 1 Yr.			\$ 478,400		\$ 107,640	\$ 370,760
2023-1410-BOD-10-24-23	Alianza Nacional de Campesinas, Inc. - Coachella Valley Farmworkers Food Distribution - 1 Yr.			\$ 57,499		\$ 25,875	\$ 31,624
2023-1413-BOD-10-24-23	Voices for Children - Court Appointed Special Advocate Program - 1 Yr.			\$ 81,055		\$ 36,474	\$ 44,581
2023-1412-BOD-10-24-23	DPMG - DPMG Health Community Medicine - 2 Yrs.			\$ 1,057,396		\$ 100,000	\$ 957,396
2023-MOU-BOD-11-04-23	TODEC - Outreach and Linkage to Supportive Mental Health Services - Tropical Storm Hilary - 3 Mos.			\$ 40,000		\$ 40,000	\$ -
2023-MOU-BOD-11-04-23	Chance Initiative, Inc. - Outreach and Linkage to Supportive Services - Tropical Storm Hilary - 3 Mos.			\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	\$ -
2023-1403-BOD-12-19-23	Vision To Learn - Palm Desert and Coachella Valley VTL Program - 1 Yr.			\$ 50,000		\$ 22,500	\$ 27,500
2023-1419-BOD-12-19-23	Blood Bank of San Bernardino/Riverside Counties - LifeStream's Attracting New Donors Initiative - 1 Yr.			\$ 104,650		\$ 47,092	\$ 57,558
2023-1420-BOD-12-19-23	Braille Institute of America - Low Vision Telehealth Services - 1Yr.			\$ 36,697		\$ 16,514	\$ 20,183
2023-1421-BOD-12-19-23	Olive Crest - General Support for Counseling and Mental Health Services to Vulnerable Children and Families - 2 Yrs.			\$ 359,594		\$ 80,908	\$ 278,686
TOTAL GRANTS		\$ 17,229,610	\$ 8,944,395	\$ 3,254,967	\$ 2,540,992	\$ 812,131	\$ 8,507,638
Amts available/remaining for Grant/Programs - FY 2023-24:							
Amount budgeted 2023-2024			\$ 4,000,000				1/31/2024
Amount granted YTD:			\$ (3,254,967)			G/L Balance:	
Financial Audits of Non-Profits; Organizational Assessments			\$ (2,000)			2131	\$ 6,032,638
Net adj - Grants not used: 1361; 1301			\$ 338,600			2281	\$ 2,475,000
Matching external grant contributions			\$ -			Total	\$ 8,507,639
Balance available for Grants/Programs			\$ 1,081,633				\$ (0)



Date: 2/13/2024

To: Program Committee

Subject: Grant # 1429 Desert Cancer Foundation

Grant Request: Patience Assistance (PA) Program & Community Outreach

Amount Requested: \$163,750.00

Project Period: 03/01/2024 to 02/28/2025

Project Description and Use of District Funds:

Desert Cancer Foundation (DCF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping pay for cancer care for local valley residents in need of financial assistance. DCF remains the only nonprofit organization that makes direct payments to local medical providers, on behalf of residents who otherwise could not afford or access vital care. For over 29 years, DCF has met the demands of certain gaps in healthcare coverage. Since inception, they have served over 8,800 residents, covering over \$11.2 million in cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment; this is valued at a billed amount of over \$115 million. Annually, Desert Cancer Foundation serves approximately 150-175 residents and covers over \$350,000 in healthcare costs (over 2,000 medical services). Through strong partnerships, DCF leverages funding dollars for a 1/10 ratio, where every \$1 raised translates to \$10 in care.

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. Specifically, the PA program serves adults 18 years and older (mainly 25-64 and 65+), with a family household income below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Individuals served must demonstrate a need for financial assistance for cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment. 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 Healthcare District funds will be utilized to provide direct financial assistance to cover co-pay, co-insurance, deductibles, insurance premiums, prescriptions, etc. on



behalf of the DCF clients. Additionally, District funds will be used to support a portion of three programmatic staff that administer the Patient Assistance Program direct provider payments and the patient navigation program component.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

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

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

Strategy 2.7 - Increase equitable access to primary and specialty care services and resources in underserved communities in Coachella Valley (Priority: High)

Strategy 3.6 Increase awareness of behavioral/mental health resources for residents in Coachella Valley (Priority: High)

Geographic Area(s) To Be Served:

All areas

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 \$163,750.00 be approved.
- Recommendation with modifications
- Request for more information
- Decline



Grant Application Summary

Desert Cancer Foundation, Grant # 1429

About the Organization

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Organization's Mission Statement and History

MISSION & HISTORY

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

Founded in 1994 by valley Oncologist, Dr. Sebastian George, along with Art and Cory Teichner, with the vision that no one should forgo life-saving treatment due to their inability to pay, DCF remains the only nonprofit organization that makes direct payments to local medical providers, on behalf of residents who otherwise could not afford or access vital care.

IMPACT

For over 29 years, DCF has met the demands of certain gaps in healthcare coverage. Since inception, we have served over 8,800 residents, covered over \$11.2million in cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment; this is valued at a billed amount of over \$115million. Annually, Desert Cancer Foundation serves approximately 150-175 residents and covers over \$350,000 in healthcare costs (over 2,000 medical services).

30TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2024

In 2024, Desert Cancer Foundation will be celebrating its' 30th Anniversary and we have many special events and community outreach programming planned for the year!

Organization Annual Budget: \$918,200.00

Project Information

Project Title: 1429 Patience Assistance (PA) Program & Community Outreach

Start Date: 03/01/2024 **End Date:** 02/28/2025

Total Project Budget: \$565,400.00

Requested Amount: \$163,750.00

Community Need for this Project in the Coachella Valley:

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 resources. A cancer diagnosis is that 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.

The DHCD grant funds will directly support our Patient Assistance program. DCF will make direct payments to the healthcare providers, on behalf of the clients to cover the cost of cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer and allied diseases. 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.

The PA program serves adults 18 years and older (mainly 25-64 and 65+), with a family household income below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Individuals served must demonstrate a need for financial assistance for cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment. In a 12-month period, DCF estimates to serve approximately 150-200 unduplicated District residents.

Desert Cancer Foundation's core values, along with those of our staff members, Board of Directors, and committee members 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. DCF has been serving the local community for over 29 years. People have come to rely on our services, and in turn, we rely on the support of many grantors and partners to uphold our mission and work. We are honored to align with the DHCD's mission and work together to foster healthier communities.

Project Description and Use of District funds:

As previously mentioned, 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.

DCF's Patient Assistance Program aligns with the DHCD Strategic Plan Goals of (Goal #2) "Proactively expand community access to primary and speciality care services" and in a new, limited manner, (Goal #3) "Proactively expand community access to behavioral / mental health services".

A cancer diagnosis is much more devastating for underserved individuals who lack insurance, resources, or funds to pay for life-saving treatment. DCF stands in the gap to provide care for individuals who otherwise would not have it. We alleviate the financial burden, so that a patient can focus on healing, providing for their family, and have the best chance for a positive outcome.

Simply put, we help save lives! The fact that an estimated 12% of the population will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime (Cancer.org), combined with the statistic that Coachella Valley residents have higher poverty rates than other areas in Riverside

County (HARC Community Survey), means we have a very vulnerable population in need of support when diagnosed with cancer. The funds will be used, under the Patient Assistance Program, to cover insurance premiums and deductibles, co-pays/co-insurance, Medi-Cal Share of Cost, x-rays, diagnostic scans, biopsies, and prescription medications (including IV infusions, chemotherapy and radiation therapy). We will assist marginalized Coachella Valley residents, living at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), in a time of their greatest need.

In the past seven months, under the direction of a new Executive Director, we have taken numerous steps to upgrade the PA Program internally. After an exhaustive search, we hired a new PA Coordinator with added Community Engagement responsibilities. This was done to better connect DCF to the community and have the PA Coordinator act more as an advocate than ever before - helping our clients navigate the system and guiding them to additional support dedicated to those with specific, life-altering conditions. This emphasis on securing the best coverage options and leveraging existing health systems and programs available to patients is incredibly important. A portion of the funds will also cover staff wages to run the PA program.

In addition, we have partnered with Jewish Family Service of the Desert with the sole purposes of the MOU (attached) to "facilitate the provision of no-cost tele care and the extent available, in-person, individual or group mental health counseling to DCF clients by JFS supervised interns". It is a "win-win" partnership as we continue to look for additional areas where we can assist those in their cancer journey.

We plan to continue developing partnerships with the local healthcare community, provide additional programming, and enhance our valley-wide outreach to inform and teach; all in order to provide additional access and services to the residents we serve.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

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

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

Strategy 2.7 - Increase equitable access to primary and specialty care services and resources in underserved communities in Coachella Valley (Priority: High)

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Project Deliverables and Evaluation

Deliverable #1:

From March 1, 2024 thru February 28, 2025, DCF will have provided a minimum of 150 individuals - who are uninsured, underinsured, or lack funds to pay for treatment - with financial assistance while undergoing cancer care. In 2023, we provided financial assistance to 156 individuals (see Patient Assistance Summary Sheet with other demographic information). We have seen an increase in applications over the past months due to the community engagement and outreach activities we have instituted under new management and staff and we expect that to continue in 2024 and beyond.

Evaluation #1:

DCF's Patient Assistance (PA) programs goal is to process all incoming applications, provide coverage and access to healthcare. All data is gathered into a database and reconciled bi-monthly. Progress of the PA program (patients served, services rendered, location, age,, type of cancer, 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: -

- A dedicated PA Coordinator works closely with local healthcare partners to receive and process all patient applications.
- Patient applications are reviewed twice monthly by a PA Committee – comprised of social workers, nurses, oncologists, radiologists, pharmacists, and insurance brokers, as well as the PA Coordinator and ED – to ensure eligibility guidelines are met, review medical coverage, treatment plan, and leverage all available resources to meet the patient needs.
- Patients approved into our PA program are entered into a database, with demographics information including age, gender, ethnicity, zip code, and household income.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCF’s Accounting Clerk will process insurance premiums and all medical bills, rendering payments directly to the providers. • All billing and payment data is entered into a recently upgraded tracking system with patient numbers to allow for reporting. • The ED oversees program, and final billing is approved by a PA Committee Chair, President and Treasurer of the Board of Directors.
<p>Deliverable #2: Patient Navigation to ensure all available resources for the patient, including providing additional resources to those we serve.</p> <p>From March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025; Desert Cancer Foundation will provide patient navigation for cancer care services and treatment, for an estimated 150+ patients residing in the District zones. 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. We are placing an added emphasis on financial navigation – such as Medicare supplemental plans, Medi-Cal and other low-</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. 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 the following:</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 -

<p>income subsidy programs. In a recent article from the Journal of Clinical Oncology, numerous studies have documented the impact of the high cost of cancer care in the United States. For example, a 2022 study showed that people with cancer were 2.5 times more likely to file for bankruptcy than people not being treated for the disease. In another article, a study showed that the high cost of cancer care causes many people to delay or skip treatments or miss appointments. The study goes on to show that these difficult decisions translate into higher rates of psychological stress and often depression and anxiety. We can not allow this to happen.</p>	<p>social workers, financial counselors, and pharmacists - to ensure that a client can access existing resources and support services, especially early in their cancer journey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • For patients approved into our PA program, there is ongoing oversight of their coverage, treatment plan, services rendered, and ensuring that billing is reviewed and paid. Successful patient navigation helps the patient maximize their support, while Desert Cancer Foundation leverages funds allowing us to serve more residents.
<p>Deliverable #3: From March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025, Desert Cancer Foundation will provide patient navigation for behavioral/mental health services/resources for approximately 25% of our clients. Based on an estimated 150-175 clients during the grant period, we expect to assist 35-45 individuals.</p> <p>As our tagline says - WE PAY FOR CANCER CARE! A cancer diagnosis often affects the emotional health of patients, families, and caregivers. According to the American Cancer Society, "common feelings during this life-changing experience include</p>	<p>Evaluation #3: In the end, DCF's goal is to be the ultimate resource for our clients throughout their entire cancer journey in order to give them the best chance for a positive outcome. Our referrals, as described above, will include five programming partnerships with various organizations/support groups to enhance the behavioral and cognizant health of DCF clients. In addition, as DCF's valley-wide development reach increases through our community engagement and outreach activities, we can guide other cancer patients, who do not qualify financially for assistance, to get the support they</p>

anxiety, distress, and depression. Roles at home, school, and work can be affected. It's important to recognize these changes and get help when needed". In addition to paying for cancer care, a huge priority in the coming grant cycle will be to assist social workers, other patient navigators, and the local healthcare community in the navigation process of every DCF client we serve! Through our Patient Assistance Coordinator, Patient Assistance Committee and our DCF volunteers, we will provide additional support services in behavioral and mental health, to include, but not limited to: mental health counseling and resources, nutritional counseling and resources, volunteer support groups and resources, transportation services, art therapy, etc. DCF will use existing programs for referrals (for example: Jewish Family Services, Comprehensive Cancer Center, Lucy Curci Cancer Center, Old Town Artisan Studios to name a few) to facilitate the needs of our clients in their respective areas of need. Other programs may be added as they become available or if we get additional requests/referrals from the local cancer community and outreach support groups.

It is our intention to provide the same support services to the families, children and caregivers of our clients, if necessary and available through our partners. A recent study by Mental Health America found the following:

- 1/3 of people treated for cancer in hospitals have a common mental health condition.
- Rates of major depressive disorder are thought to up 3 x higher than in the general population.

desire. Data will be collected on all incoming requests and outgoing referrals with follow-up to each respective organization/support group.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8%-24% of people with cancer are living with depression. <p>Cancer does not just affect a person's body, it can also affect their mind! We want to play a role in our clients' mental health!</p>	
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Project Demographic Information

Target Geographic Area(s) To Be Served:

All areas

Target Population Age Group:

18 to 24, 25 to 39, 40 to 54, 55 to 64, 65+

Target Population Ethnicity:

Hispanic/Latino (of any race), Not Hispanic or Latino (of any race)

Target Population Race:

American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander, White, Some other race

Additional Target Population Information:

Currently we have 25 different area codes and have recently added 2 additional areas to service, Pioneertown and Salton City.

Capacity, Sustainability, and Partnerships

Organizational Capacity

Desert Cancer Foundation is beginning a new era! We currently employ four staff members, and each has an important role in the Patient Assistance program.

1. Patient Assistance & Community Outreach 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. 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. Special Events & Sponsorship Coordinator is community focused to focus on the brand positioning of the organization while assisting the Existing Director with related fundraising activities and special event programming to create awareness of DCF. This individual also works with the clients on marketing and social media to explain the benefits of the DCF services.

4. 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. In addition, the ED works through the Board of Directors to determine items (eligibility guidelines, contract agreements, billing issues, etc.) that need input from the PA Committee for possible review and amendments.

PA COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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, with a minimum of two individuals who 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 29 years and we have incredible plans for our 30th Anniversary in 2024 to take the organization to greater heights. We are still 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 8,800 residents, paid over \$11.2 million in care, valued at over \$115 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 with Lucy Curci Cancer Center & Comprehensive Cancer Center, 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 three major fundraising events, and works closely to ensure ongoing community support with donations and third-party events to benefit our work.

Recently, a new Executive Director was hired after serving on the Board for 9 years. In addition, we expanded the role of the PA Coordinator to include Community Outreach and hired a Special Events & Sponsorship Coordinator to assist with all marketing, social media, branding and fundraising activities.

An Annual Strategic Plan is created to ensure the organization is working towards the mission of the Foundation and meeting the goals as set forth.

Partnerships/Collaborations:

Desert Cancer Foundation Partners with Desert Regional Comprehensive Cancer Center and Eisenhower Lucy Curci Cancer Center, 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, the Comprehensive and Lucy Curci Cancer Centers are always supportive of our fundraising events via participation and sponsorships.

In addition, we have partnered with Jewish Family Service of the Desert with the sole purposes of the MOU (attached) to "facilitate the provision of no-cost tele care and the extent available, in-person, individual or group mental health counseling to DCF clients by JFS supervised interns". It is a "win-win" partnership as we continue to look for additional areas where we can assist those in their cancer journey.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEI)

How does your organization address DEI in your policies, strategic plan, board and staff, etc.?

At our recent Strategic Planning Meeting, DEI was a major topic that is a focus for the entire organization as we strive to make a bigger impact in our community on our 30th Anniversary in 2024. The major goals include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Continue to increase diversity and equity on the Board of Directors
- Continue to recruit, hire and develop a team that reflects the communities we serve
- Develop compelling messages to see the importance of DEI to the success of the organization
- Remain consistent in everything we do

As for the individuals we service in our PA program, DEI is alive and well and we never waver!

What barriers does your organization face when addressing DEI?

NONE! It is our commitment and we are embarking on the process already!

**PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
JAN 1 - DEC 31, 2023**

JAN 2023 - DEC 2023		ETHNICITY					GENDER	
		White	Hispanic	African Am.	Asian	Other	Male	Female
CURRENT / ACTIVE	116	55	41	4	11	5	50	66
DECEASED	14	5	9	0	0	0	9	5
INACTIVE	26	7	14	3	1	1	6	20
TOTALS	156	67	64	7	12	6	65	91

LOCATION	ZIP CODE	CURRENT	DECEASED	INACTIVE
Beaumont/Banning	92223	2	0	0
Bermuda Dunes	92203	5	0	1
Blythe	92225, 92226	3	0	0
Cathedral City	92234	13	1	3
Coachella	92236	4	2	2
Desert Hot Springs	92240	7	1	2
Idylwild	92549	1	0	0
Indio	92201, 92203	19	2	8
Landers	92285	1	0	0
La Quinta	92253	5	1	1
Morongo Valley	92256	3	0	0
Palm Desert	92211, 92260	22	4	2
Palm Springs	92262, 92264	15	2	3
Palo Verde	92266	3	0	0
Pioneertown	92268	1	0	0
Rancho Mirage	92270	2	0	1
Salton City	92275	1	0	0
Thermal	92274	1	1	0
Thousand Palms	92276	5	0	0
Whitewater	92282	1	0	0
Yucca Valley	92284	2	0	3

AGE	CURRENT	DECEASED	INACTIVE
50 & under	26	1	3
51-60	25	1	8
61-70	33	6	10
71-80	19	5	3
81-90	10	1	2
91+	3	0	0

TYPE	CURRENT	DECEASED	INACTIVE
Breast Cancer	30	0	8
Colon	6	1	0
Lung	13	3	5
Lymph	11	0	3
Mtpl Myeloma	6	0	0
Prostate	11	1	1
Other	39	9	9

CLAIMS THROUGH	BILLED AMOUNT	PAID	NUMBER OF CLAIMS
DEC 2023	\$5,731,057.03	\$370,442.65	1,883

Grant Budget

Project Grant Budget				
Applicant:		Desert Cancer Foundation		Pat. Assist. Program & CO
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES		Total Project Budget	Funds From Other Sources <small>Detail On Section 3</small>	Amount Requested From DHCD/F
Total Staffing Expenses <small>Detail on Section 2</small>		\$ 113,000.00	\$ 66,750.00	\$ 46,250.00
Equipment (itemize)				
1	Office Equipment	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ -
2			\$ -	
3			\$ -	
4			\$ -	
Supplies (itemize)				
1	Office Supplies	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
2			\$ -	
3			\$ -	
4			\$ -	
Printing / Duplication		\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ -
Mailing / Postage		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Mileage (use current Federal mileage rate)			\$ -	
Education / Training		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Other Direct Project Expenses Not Described Above (itemize)				
1	Patient Assistance Billing	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 257,500.00	\$ 117,500.00
2			\$ -	
3			\$ -	
4			\$ -	
* Items listed below are included for calculation of the total project budget only. For use of DHCD/F funds, these line items would be included in the allowable 15% indirect cost rate.				
Office / Rent / Mortgage*		\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ -
Telephone / Fax / Internet*		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
Utilities*			\$ -	\$ -
Insurance*		\$ 35,200.00	\$ 35,200.00	\$ -
Indirect Rate	<input type="checkbox"/> Check Box To Utilize Indirect Rate Up To 15%			
Total Project Budget (Rounded up to nearest dollar)				
		\$ 565,400	\$ 401,650	\$ 163,750
Budget Narrative	<p style="color: red; font-size: small;">We are requesting \$47,500 for labor costs to assist with the administration and navigation of our Patient Assistance Program. We have recently spent considerable time in the hiring process and furthermore, internal training with our healthcare partners/Patient Assistance Committee. Our PA Coordinator provides direct service to the clients throughout their cancer journey. In addition, as shown on our Patient Assistance Program Summary previously submitted, we served 25 different zip codes in 2023, most all of them in the DHCD geographic area. The remaining \$117,500 requested is for the direct financial assistance for the Patient Assistance Program to provide financial assistance for underinsured/uninsured residents within the DHCD zone. These funds will be used to pay for cancer care services direct to the provider! The following are types of services that the funds will be used for: cancer screening, chemotherapy, radiation, biopsies, MRI and ultrasounds. We will pay for the co-pay, co-insurance, deductibles, insurance premiums, prescriptions, etc. on behalf of the DCF clients. We also assist clients with finding the best suited healthcare and insurance programming.</p>			

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Staff Salary Expenses		Annual Salary	% of Time Allocated to Project	Total Project Salary	Amount Requested from DHCD/F
Employee Position/Title					
1	Executive Director	\$ 125,000.00	20%	25,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
2	Patient Assistance Coordinator	\$ 55,000.00	80%	44,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
3	Accounting Coordinator	\$ 55,000.00	70%	38,500.00	\$ 19,250.00
4	Events & Sponsorship Coordinator	\$ 55,000.00	10%	5,500.00	\$ -
5				-	
6				-	
Enter Total Employee Benefits / Employer Taxes % (Proportional Fringe Costs and/Or Employer Taxes Based On % Of Time Allocated To Project)			0.00%	-	-
Total Will Populate In Total Staffing Expenses Section 1			Total >	\$ 113,000.00	\$ 46,250.00
Budget Narrative - Scope of Work	Patient Assistance Coordinator and Accounting Coordinator spend the majority of their time specifically related to the PA Program previously described. This includes patient communication, application, processing, navigation and all bill payments. The Executive Director reviews all applications, communicates directly with the Patient Assistance Committee and signs off on all payments.				
Budget Narrative - Employee Benefits	N/A				
Professional Services / Consultant Expenses		Hourly Rate	Hours/Week	Total Project Fee	Amount Requested from DHCD/F
Company and Staff Title					
1					
2					
3					
4					
Total Will Populate in Total Staffing Expenses Section 1			Total >	\$ -	\$ -
Budget Narrative - Scope of Work	N/A				

Funds From Other Sources (Actual Or Projected) SPECIFIC To This Project		
"Total Funding In Addition To DHCD/F Request" Below Should Match Or Exceed Value Listed In Section 1 for "Funds from Other Sources".		Amount
Fees		
Donations		\$ 340,000.00
Grants (List Organizations)		
1	Houston Family Foundation (current)	\$ 65,000.00
2	Stater Brothers Charities (current)	\$ 30,000.00
3	Grail - Galleri Classic (current)	\$ 25,000.00
4	Berger Foundation (current)	\$ 25,000.00
5	Albertsons Foundation (current)	\$ 10,000.00
Fundraising (Describe Nature Of Fundraiser)		
1	DCF Events (Dr. George Car Show, Paint el Paseo Pink) - projected	\$ 60,000.00
2	Third Party Fundraising Events - projected	\$ 60,000.00
3		
8		
Other Income, e.g., Bequests, Membership Dues, In-Kind Services, Investment Income, Fees From Other Agencies, Etc. (Itemize)		
1		
2		
3		
8		
Total Funding In Addition To DHCD/F Request		\$ 615,000.00
Budget Narrative	We host (2) events annually. The donations come from numerous Third Party events and annual end of the year contributions from supporters.	

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Full Grant Application Scoring



SCORING PARAMETERS

0 TO 1 POINTS	Does Not Meet Expectations
2 TO 3 POINTS	Needs Improvement
4 TO 5 POINTS	Meets or Exceeds Expectations

Total Points Possible = 50 points

Grant Information			
Grant Number:	Organization:	Project Title:	Funding Request:
1429	Desert Cancer Foundation	Patience Assistance (PA) Program and Community Outreach	\$163,750.00
Programmatic Scoring Review			
Community Need for the Project in Coachella Valley (5 points)	The applicant identifies and describes a specific need(s) for the project within the Coachella Valley by providing relevant, valid data that highlights the full scope of the need. The applicant clearly connects the community need to the project’s targeted population.		
<u>Reviewer 1 - Score:</u> 4	<u>Reviewer 1 - Score Explanation:</u> The Desert Cancer Foundation Patient Assistance Program and Community grant proposal provided a detailed explanation of the community need, additional data on the actual need of cancer supportive services in the Coachella Valley would have offered a better insight into the community need they are trying to address through this grant proposal.		
<u>Reviewer 2 - Score:</u> 3.5	<u>Reviewer 2 - Score Explanation:</u> Applicant highlights the benefits and focus of the program as it connects to the target population; however, they do not indicate the extent of the need within the Coachella Valley.		
<u>Reviewer 3 - Score:</u> 5	<u>Reviewer 3 - Score Explanation:</u> The costs associated with cancer treatment are extensive. Desert Cancer Foundation has identified resolving this need area as a priority initiative for their organization. Those who are		

	<p>uninsured or underinsured suffer greatly when they lack the ability to pay for the treatment that is necessary to address their cancer diagnosis. Any available support to assist families to pay co-payments, deductibles or prescription medication costs can remove some of the burden they experience as they navigate this significant treatment process.</p>
<p>Reviewer 4 - Score: 5</p>	<p>Reviewer 4 - Score Explanation: The specific need addressed is those community members that cannot pay for cancer screenings diagnosis and treatments. DCF provides that financial support and expects that 150-200 unduplicated District residents will be served in a 12 month period.</p>
<p>Project Description and Use of Funds (5 points)</p>	<p>The applicant describes the scope of the project and how the organization will utilize the Desert Healthcare District’s funding. The applicant clearly states the approach they are going to take to meet the community’s need and specifies how the success of this project directly relates to the District’s mission and current Strategic Plan.</p>
<p>Reviewer 1 - Score: 5</p>	<p>Reviewer 1 - Score Explanation: The grant proposal provided a very detailed project description and use of grant funds, which included the connection the DHCD mission and current strategic plan.</p>
<p>Reviewer 2 - Score: 4.5</p>	<p>Reviewer 2 - Score Explanation: Details explain how District funds will be utilized to serve a vulnerable population. Applicant also details out their continued focus on making their program more efficient through new partnerships, new hires, and streamlined programming.</p>
<p>Reviewer 3 - Score: 4</p>	<p>Reviewer 3 - Score Explanation: Desert Cancer Foundation (DCF) will utilize District funds to coordinate support to families through their connectivity to local hospitals in the Coachella Valley that provide cancer treatment care. This support will include their Patient Assistance Program which will disseminate funds directly to medical providers to cover insurance premiums, co-payments, prescription medications and chemo/radiation treatments. This type of assistance will reduce the stress caused by a cancer diagnosis and the financial burden that comes with it.</p>
<p>Reviewer 4 - Score: 5</p>	<p>Reviewer 4 - Score Explanation: DCF’s Patient Assistance program will utilize the District’s funds by making direct payments to the healthcare providers, on behalf of the clients to cover the cost of cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer and allied diseases (insurance premiums & deductibles; copays/co-insurance; Medi-Cal Share of Cost; prescription medications, including IV infusions, chemo and radiation therapies)</p>

<p>Alignment to District Goals, Strategies, and Performance Measures (5 points)</p>	<p>The applicant effectively describes the alignment of the project to the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation 2021-2026 Strategic Plan goals, strategies and performance measures.</p>
<p>Reviewer 1 - Score: 5</p>	<p>Reviewer 1 - Score Explanation: The grant proposal aligns with a couple of DHCD Strategic Plan goals and strategies, which are goals 2 & 3, along with strategies 2.7 & 3.6.</p>
<p>Reviewer 2 - Score: 5</p>	<p>Reviewer 2 - Score Explanation: Applicant demonstrates the connection to both specialty care and behavioral health serves through their direct provider payments and patient navigation program.</p>
<p>Reviewer 3 - Score: 5</p>	<p>Reviewer 3 - Score Explanation: DCF Patient Assistance Program services align with District Strategic Plan Goal 2 (Proactively expand community access to primary and specialty care services) Strategy 2.7 (Utilize an equity lens to expand services and resources to underserved communities) and Strategic Plan Goal 3 (Proactively expand community access to behavioral/mental health services) Strategy 3.6 (Educate community residents on available behavioral/mental health resources).</p>
<p>Reviewer 4 - Score: 4</p>	<p>Reviewer 4 - Score Explanation: The Patient Assistance Program aligns with Strategic plan goals #2 and #3.</p>
<p>Project Deliverables and Evaluation (5 points)</p>	<p>The applicant provides project deliverables that are specific, measurable, attainable, and time-bound. Project deliverables must align with at least one of the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation’s 2021-2026 Strategic Plan goals and a related strategy/strategies. Additionally, applicant clearly demonstrates the alignment of their project deliverables to the appropriate performance measures, as outlined in the application instructions.</p> <p>Each evaluation corresponds to a project deliverable. The evaluation accurately measures the project’s effectiveness, impact and includes appropriate qualitative and/or quantitative tracking methods. The evaluation section 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 deliverables of the project. • Evaluation is in alignment with identified Desert Healthcare District and Foundation’s 2021-2026 Strategic Plan goal(s), strategies, and performance measure(s).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An explanation is provided on how the data collected from the project will be utilized for future programming, partnerships, and/or funding.
<p><u>Reviewer 1 - Score:</u> 4</p>	<p><u>Reviewer 1 - Score Explanation:</u> The project deliverables and evaluation of the project were detailed and met the requirements for this section, however, it failed to describe how the data collected would be used in the future.</p>
<p><u>Reviewer 2 - Score:</u> 4.5</p>	<p><u>Reviewer 2 - Score Explanation:</u> Deliverables state the impact of the District’s funding to the community while highlighting how they we track and keep themselves programmatically accountable.</p>
<p><u>Reviewer 3 - Score:</u> 4</p>	<p><u>Reviewer 3 - Score Explanation:</u> Deliverable #1 of the Patient Assistance Program will provide support funding for medical treatment costs to 150 patients over the program term who are underinsured or cannot pay for the services being rendered. These services will be evaluated through the involvement of the Patient Assistance Coordinator who will track progress throughout the patient’s course of treatment in a database that will include demographic information. Deliverable #2 includes support to patients as they navigate their treatment process. This will involve an estimated 150+ patients and will also include support navigating Medicare/Medi-Cal supplement plan processing. This deliverable will also be overseen by the Patient Assistance Coordinator and social workers who are assigned to the patients. Deliverable #3 will focus on the linkage to behavioral health supports for the patient, their families and children as they navigate this course of treatment (35-45 patients). Data will track the incoming and outgoing requests for behavioral health referrals and follow up status.</p>
<p><u>Reviewer 4 - Score:</u> 4</p>	<p><u>Reviewer 4 - Score Explanation:</u> There are 3 deliverables that are specific measurable attainable and time-bound. From March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025 DCF will provide financial assistance while undergoing cancer care (a minimum of 150 who are uninsured, underinsured, or lack funds to pay for treatment); DCF will provide patient navigation for cancer care services and treatment to an estimated 150+ patients; and DCF will provide patient navigation for behavioral/mental health services/resources for an anticipated 35-45 individuals (or 25% of the 150-175 patient base). Evaluation methods are in alignment with these 3 deliverables and strategic plan goals #2 and #3.</p>

<p>Organizational Capacity (5 points)</p>	<p>The applicant details their organization’s capacity to meet the demands of this project including allocated staff time, internal expertise, organizational structure, etc. 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>Reviewer 1 - Score: 5</p>	<p>Reviewer 1 - Score Explanation: Desert Cancer Foundation has a proven track record and has the organizational capacity, especially with new leadership streamlining and improving internal processes to improve performance and impact.</p>
<p>Reviewer 2 - Score: 4.5</p>	<p>Reviewer 2 - Score Explanation: Personnel and how they contribute to the program is highlighted.</p>
<p>Reviewer 3 - Score: 4</p>	<p>Reviewer 3 - Score Explanation: DCF Patient Assistance Program will allocate staffing resources to an appropriate level to support the implementation of this project including the Patient Assistance Coordinator who will oversee the implementation of project deliverables and tracking of project progress.</p>
<p>Reviewer 4 - Score: 4</p>	<p>Reviewer 4 - Score Explanation: DCF has the capacity to carry out this program as this is an ongoing program for the past 29 years.</p>
<p>Organization Sustainability (5 Points)</p>	<p>The application highlights their organization’s sustainability strategies around funding, staff recruitment/retention, effective collaboration and partnerships, thoughtful long-term planning, etc.</p>
<p>Reviewer 1 - Score: 5</p>	<p>Reviewer 1 - Score Explanation: Desert Cancer Foundation has been advocating and assisting District residents battling cancer for over 30 years and have a diverse funding strategy and partnerships to ensure they continue making an impact.</p>
<p>Reviewer 2 - Score: 4.5</p>	<p>Reviewer 2 - Score Explanation: The organization is advancing their mission through the hiring of a new Executive Director, the expansion of their PA Coordinator to include community outreach, and the hiring of a Special Events Coordinator to focus on marketing. These new/expanded positions will contribute to the long-term sustainability of the program.</p>
<p>Reviewer 3 - Score: 5</p>	<p>Reviewer 3 - Score Explanation: DCF has been a provider of cancer related support services to Coachella Valley community members for over 29 years. During that time, support has been provided to over 8,800</p>

	residents. DCF works collaboratively with local organizations, hospitals and healthcare providers to insure a supported path for those suffering from cancer who cannot afford to cover the costs of care.
<u>Reviewer 4 - Score:</u> 5	<u>Reviewer 4 - Score Explanation:</u> DCF has longstanding strategic partnerships in place with Lucy Curci Cancer Center and DRMC's Comprehensive Cancer Center. DCF leverages funds and resources and leverages funding dollars for a 1/10 ration – every \$1 raised translates to \$10 in care.
Partnerships/Collaborations (5 Points)	The application demonstrates a collaborative process that includes multiple community partners involved in planning and implementation. Organizational partners are listed and each of their roles in the project are outlined. Letters of support and/or memorandums of understanding are included, as appropriate.
<u>Reviewer 1 - Score:</u> 4	<u>Reviewer 1 - Score Explanation:</u> Desert Cancer Foundation has established partnerships and collaborations with the local cancer centers to help them achieve their mission and successfully implement this project, however, a more diverse group of collaborators and partners might increase their visibility and outreach.
<u>Reviewer 2 - Score:</u> 4.5	<u>Reviewer 2 - Score Explanation:</u> DCF has strong partnerships that allow them to leverage their funding dollars so that every \$1 raised translates to \$10 in care.
<u>Reviewer 3 - Score:</u> 4	<u>Reviewer 3 - Score Explanation:</u> DCF partnerships include working closely with Desert Regional Comprehensive Cancer Center, Eisenhower Lucy Curci Cancer Center and local providers of medications, oncologists and behavioral health providers. These partnerships allow for the seamless navigation pathways for those suffering from cancer and the impact on their mental and physical health.
<u>Reviewer 4 - Score:</u> 5	<u>Reviewer 4 - Score Explanation:</u> Very strong and longstanding partnerships with the two hospitals and their respective cancer centers and a new partnerships with Jewish Family Service of the Desert to provide in person, individual or group MENTAL HEALTH counseling to DCF clients by supervised interns.

<p>Budget (5 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 deliverables.</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>Reviewer 1 - Score: 5</p>	<p>Reviewer 1 - Score Explanation: The grant proposal budget is adequate and in line with the proposed deliverables.</p>
<p>Reviewer 2 - Score: 4.5</p>	<p>Reviewer 2 - Score Explanation: The labor costs narrative is higher than the actual line item in the budget otherwise all other line items are clear.</p>
<p>Reviewer 3 - Score: 4</p>	<p>Reviewer 3 - Score Explanation: The budget for this project clearly displays the cost of the total project, the funds being requested from the district and the source of the remaining funding necessary to implement the project.</p>
<p>Reviewer 4 - Score: 5</p>	<p>Reviewer 4 - Score Explanation: The budget covers 2 line item categories, staff and patient assistance billing. The budget is alignment with the program. DCF did not take advantage of the 15% indirect rate, of which is allowable by the Desert Healthcare District. DCF has a strong commitment from other sources.</p>
<p>Fiscal Scoring Review</p>	
<p>Fiduciary Compliance (5 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>Reviewer 1 - Score: 4.5</p>	<p>Reviewer 1 - Score Explanation: The FY 12/31/22 audit report is unmodified. The Board of Directors accepted the audit report. Audit report Current Ratio is strong (11:1), which represents the grantee's ability to pay its short-term liabilities.</p> <p>The Net Assets increased by \$10k as of 12/31/22, with Total Net Assets of \$1.2M. Internal financial statements, as of 11/30/23, demonstrates an increase of \$111k. The Balance Sheet is in good order.</p>

Reviewer 2 - Score: 4.5	Reviewer 2 - Score Explanation: Unmodified audited financial statements submitted to and approved by Board. Assets are sufficient to address liabilities. Positive cash flow noted on financial statements for most recent period of calendar year 2022.
Financial Stability (5 Points)	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. If a strategic plan does not exist, other documentation is presented to identify future sources of funding. The requested grant amount is reasonable in comparison to the overall organizational budget.
Reviewer 1 - Score: 4.5	Reviewer 1 - Score Explanation: Grantee demonstrates a sound financial position and is supported by a strategic plan. Grantee has additional resources for this project of approximately \$565k. The District's grant of \$164k is well supported by potential other resources.
Reviewer 2 - Score: 4.5	Reviewer 2 - Score Explanation: Funding is noted from multiple sources. Strategic planning notes were submitted. Notes did not include much detail on future growth but did identify areas which could be addressed to better align their collective efforts as an organization. Grant budget is reasonable in relation to organizational budget.

TOTAL SCORES - PROGRAMMATIC		TOTAL SCORES - FISCAL	
REVIEWER 1	37/40 POINTS = 92.5%	REVIEWER 1	9/10 POINTS = 90%
REVIEWER 2	35.5/40 POINTS = 88.75%	REVIEWER 2	9/10 POINTS = 90%
REVIEWER 3	35/40 POINTS = 87.5%	AVERAGE	9 POINTS = 90%
REVIEWER 4	37/40 POINTS = 92.5%		
AVERAGE	36 POINTS = 90%		

Average Total Score: 45 / 50 = 90%