



2022-2023 Grantee Year-End Report Summary

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2nd Story Associates \$50,000 - expended ***Furnishings for Permanent Supportive Housing***

The Vera Cruz Village grand opening took place on 8/31/23 and all 28 studio apartments were fully furnished, complete with essential household items. Due to several vendors providing generous discounts, they were able to not only stay within their projected budget, but also purchase additional furnishings for the property, such as patio furniture for the outdoor community space, and furnishings for the community room.

Alpha Resource Center of Santa Barbara \$140,000 - expended ***Air Conditioning and Automated Doors***

The total cost of the project was \$139,602.54. All 128 participants (and staff) love the addition of the air conditioning and the automatic doors. The air conditioning not only improved comfort, but also allows participants to continue their regular activities without limitations due to heat. The automatic doors turned out to be more beneficial than anticipated, particularly for participants using wheelchairs.

Alzheimer's Association (California Central Coast Chapter) \$30,000 - expended ***Alzheimer's Education and Support for Latino Families***

Despite multiple staffing changes (including a new executive director), having to introduce several new staff to the grant terms, and creating an updated strategic plan, the agency was thrilled to reach their goal of connecting to over 200 people. They were able to train 20 Promotores, which included 4 more than anticipated. Eight education presentations were offered in Spanish in Santa Barbara and Carpinteria. Additionally, Promotores participated in tabling at 8 different Resource and Senior Community Fairs. Funds will be fully expended by July 31, 2024.

Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara \$100,000/2 Years ***Community Mental Health Navigator Pilot Program***

The goal for year one was for 40 residents of south Santa Barbara County to be served by the Mental Health Navigator utilizing the Women's Fund grant. Thus far, 37 have received services, while the program has served 91 people countywide. The agency says the grant is proving extremely valuable! They are learning from established mental health navigation service providers across the country and putting that knowledge to work. The project has also been helpful to further FSA's strategic focus on providing more holistic care—integrating mental health services with other

types of support needed by the families and seniors they serve. They anticipate the grant being fully expended by the end of the two-year grant period.

Food from the Heart \$75,000 - expended
Van to Collect and Distribute Produce

The Women's Fund grant paid for the van and insurance costs. Between May 1, 2023 and April 30, 2024, they delivered 1,872 bags of prepared meals (156 per week) to a total of 300 unduplicated individuals. In addition to that they delivered over 30,000 pounds (60% of what they harvested) to other charities serving those in need. The Women's Fund logo is proudly displayed on the van.

Hillside \$100,000 - expended
Adaptive Van to Accommodate Wheelchairs

The total cost for the van, which served 56 of their 59 residents in the first year, was \$100,175. The agency states that by bringing Hillside residents into our community, giving them full access to the opportunities most others enjoy daily, they will start turning the tide for acceptance of all people – building a healthier, more inclusive society where equity trumps equality. The van displays the Women's Fund logo.

Independent Living Resource Center \$100,000/2 Years
Independent Living Support for Youth with Disabilities

Thus far, this program has served 30 individuals (goal of 45 for the two-year period) through direct services and quarterly workshops and has worked on 113 independence-related goals with these individuals. Workshops were held on employment and relationships, and ILRC partnered with Pacific Pride for their Pride Prom, benefitting LGBTQ+ youth with disabilities and their allies. They anticipate spending the grant in full by the end of the grant period.

Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County \$100,000/2 Years
Legal Services for Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence

Unfortunately, substantial cuts to VOCA (federal Victim of Crime Act) funding were implemented for legal assistance grants, and Legal Aid lost \$200,000 in VOCA funding for 2024. Their program has been reduced from 3 attorneys to 2, and they have also had an attorney vacancy since May. Despite the cuts, they have still been able to serve 20 additional households (goal is 60) in the program. Their FVP legal assistant, with attorney supervision, submitted 11 applications for immigration remedies for victims of crime during this period. In addition, they received a client's approval for permanent residency in March 2024, and in September 2023 they helped two children from Guatemala reunite with their mother. They anticipate grant funds will be fully expended by the end of the grant period.

Santa Barbara County Immigrant Legal Defense Center \$130,000/2 Years
Case Management for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children

Because of difficulty in finding a therapist with the required skills to serve unaccompanied/undocumented minors, a therapist was not hired until April 2024. Although they were not able to expend \$65,000 of the first-year grant during the grant period ending June 30, 2024, they expect to

fully expend the \$130,000 by the second-year deadline of June 30, 2025. (Their original report indicated a need for an extension of time through early 2026, which has since been revised to June 30, 2025.) Our grant helped them secure a two-year state grant for \$320,000, which is covering the remaining 40% cost of the therapy position, and allowing them to hire a case manager, maximizing the therapist's capacity to take on more clients. Case management has been provided to 35 individuals in south Santa Barbara County thus far (goal 30-40 young clients annually). Despite there being a delay in hiring, they're still on track with grant deliverables because of the huge need for their services.

St. Vincent's \$100,000/2 Years
Peer Support Specialist for Homeless Mothers

They expect they'll need an extension of time to finish expending the awarded funds. Their first Peer Support Specialist, Katrina Gonzales, worked limited hours in December 2023 before leaving her position. Two new part-time Peer Support Specialists were hired in May 2024. Since receiving the grant, the Family Strengthening Program (FSP) has served a total of 19 families (19 adult women, 16 girls, and 10 boys) for a total of 45 unduplicated individuals served so far. The goal is 38 adults and 46 children for the two-year period. Over the last five-years, early program departures have decreased by nearly 67% from a high of nine early departures in 2019 to a low of three early departures in 2023 (there have been no early departures so far in 2024). The two early departures in 2023 exited the program into stable housing.

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Freedom 4 Youth \$100,000/2 Years
Fem-powerment Program for Girls in the Juvenile Legal System

Freedom 4 Youth met the terms/goals of their two-year grant agreement and application. Funds have been fully expended. Over the two-year grant period, they served 66 youth through the Fem-powerment Program, providing intensive wraparound services and summer camps. Their biggest challenge has been a lack of capacity to meet the demand for their programming, which has been requested in every SBUSD Junior and High School. They state that the "Women's Fund's prestige and process opened the floodgates for them to receive additional funding and support for their programs." When they first applied to the Women's Fund, their annual budget was around \$180k, and now they are projected to raise over \$1,000,000 in 2024! They've increased their number of staff from two to 12.
