



2019-20 Grantee Final Report Summary

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2nd Story Associates – Housing Authority of SB (\$100,000)

Community Needs Addressed: Seniors, Healthcare, Mental Health, Housing Assistance

This grant is funding a Senior Supportive Services Program benefiting low-income senior residents of the Housing Authority of SB. The program provides healthcare navigation and case management services through a half-time Registered Nurse (RN) and a half-time Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). 2nd Story Associates is the fiscal sponsor for Housing Authority of SB, which is managing the program and contracting with Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics (SBNC) to provide specific services.

The COVID-19 pandemic created delays and challenges to program implementation, requiring additional planning and a shift in the service delivery model. The original program was modified to include a Wellness Navigator/Program Coordinator, whose salary was drawn from a portion of the LCSW hours. The Wellness Navigator and Nurse Care Manager conducted bi-weekly site visits at five of the Housing Authority's senior developments, including the new Gardens on Hope development, where 43% of incoming seniors experienced homelessness prior to being housed. Over 300 clients (goal was 200) have benefited from the Senior Supportive Services Program during the past year. Senior residents have been linked with essential community resources such as vaccine clinics, primary care, counseling services, dental care, food resources, and in-home support. The agency is now in the planning stages for phase two of the program, which includes identifying grants and continued fiscal support through MediCal. As of 5/31/2021, they anticipated that the \$41,491 remaining of the \$100,000 grant would be expended by 2/28/2022.

Doctors Without Walls – Santa Barbara Street Medicine (\$60,000)

Community Needs Addressed: Healthcare, Homelessness, Mental Health

This grant is funding the salary and benefits of a new 25-hour per week position, Companion Care Outreach Specialist.

Cathy Mollkoy, RN, a long-time DWW-SBSM volunteer and clinician was hired in September 2020 and hit the ground running. The addition of the Outreach Worker position has more than tripled DWW's outreach numbers. Between June 2020 and May 2021, DWW served 4,776 clients through daytime outreach services. From shelters such as the Rescue Mission where they have been able to get people into recovery services, to vaccinating homeless populations, to providing necessary telemedicine visits, DWW has been able to respond immediately. They collaborate with multiple agencies serving the homeless and have learned that they need to sit at the table with local county and city governments to have a say in how our community manages local homeless populations. As of 6/1/2021, \$17,686 of the \$60,000 grant remained, which will be fully

expended by 12/31/2021. DWW has received an additional year of funding for this program from the Women's Fund and will continue the program in future years through fund raising and grant requests.

Easy Lift Transportation (\$80,000)

Community Needs Addressed: Seniors, Healthcare, Family Support Services

This grant will pay for an additional full-time driver and increased hours for operations and reservations staff to implement a new program called Dial-A-Ride-Direct. The program allows for same-day ride requests to be accommodated for 2,800 clients who have last-minute doctor's appointments or unanticipated needs such as medication or food. This is an enhancement and expansion to Easy Lift's current Dial-A-Ride service, which requires clients to reserve transportation up to two weeks before a ride is needed, due to high service demand.

*Due to the pandemic, the Dial-A-Ride-Direct program did not begin until February 2021. Since then, it has provided transportation and physical assistance for 300 seniors to receive covid vaccines (600 rides). Each trip took three times longer than an average ride due to needing to wait while seniors received the vaccine and were assured of having no reaction. Based on current requests increasing each month, Easy Lift anticipates operating the program at the originally expected rate of 375 rides per month by January 2022. In doing so, the \$48,000 remaining of the \$80,000 grant will be expended by July 2022.

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Goleta Education Foundation (\$65,000)

Community Need Addressed: Education

This grant will provide funding to create a state-of-the-art STEAM lab at El Camino School, Goleta Union School District

*Unfortunately, covid protocols have delayed construction of the STEAM lab. Consequently, the STEAM curriculum is temporarily housed in and taught from a teaching cart, which will be the case throughout the current school year. The additional time, however, has allowed for further research and visits to Adams School, Cold Springs School and Dos Pueblos High School's Engineering group, resulting in practical amendments for the lab's furniture and materials. Furniture will be multi-purpose and modular, on wheels, have plugs, be easy to clean, have flexible seating, and power built into the floor. The hope is that by the end of September 2021, they will have confirmed purchases of furniture and technology, including a new jam board and third printer. It seems likely there will be an alliance forged between the El Camino STEAM and Dos Pueblos High School's engineering program, the "Penguineers" which could turn into a kind of "Big Buddies" program. The high school students could share ideas, skills and contribute parts they've manufactured at Dos Pueblos. Even better, they could serve as models and mentors to the budding engineers among the younger students.

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Santa Barbara County Immigrant Legal Defense Center (\$65,000)

Community Need Addressed: Family Support Services

This grant provided 50% of the salary for one year of a full-time attorney with immigration law expertise.

Maria Vega joined the Santa Barbara Immigrant Legal Defense Center in summer 2020 as the nonprofit's first full-time staff attorney. She has been retained by 33 individuals for full representation in immigration court, and another five individuals had intakes scheduled for July. Seventeen of the individuals are from south county (goal of 15-20). Ninety percent are women and children. The staff attorney has given the agency more capacity to join other immigrant serving organizations in local and state level advocacy efforts. The agency has successfully secured a \$17,000 Santa Barbara City grant and has become eligible for state funding of \$6,000 per deportation defense case for this program. All funds from the Women's Fund grant have been expended.

Santa Barbara Education Foundation (\$90,000)

Community Need Addressed: Mental Health

This grant is paying for the Sources of Strength suicide prevention program, which includes curriculum, materials, recruitment and training for students and adults, a consultant on social media and one year of salary for a part-time faculty coordinator

Due to COVID-19 and schools being conducted exclusively via Distance Learning, SBUSD had to postpone the official kickoff of Sources of Strength. Despite the delay, they were able to successfully meet goals of implementing phase one of the program through virtual trainings for both adult supervisors (November 2020) and student leaders (February/March 2021). Sources of Strength was implemented in all three high schools in SB Unified during the 2020-21 school year, and altogether, 22 district staff and 128 students were trained in the program. Program impact is now being measured through an end of year peer leader feedback survey. Funds from the American Rescue Act have been earmarked to continue Sources of Strength at the three traditional high schools and expand in 2021-22 to four junior high schools and the alternative high school. The new Sources of Strength curriculum for elementary schools, is currently being investigated for potential use in the 2022-23 school year. Of the \$90,000 grant, \$9,350 remains and will be fully expended by the end of December 2021.

Santa Barbara Public Library Foundation (\$100,000)

Community Needs Addressed: Education, Early Childhood Development, Youth Engagement, Family Support Services

This grant partially funded the purchase of a Library-on-the-Go mobile unit that is being used exclusively by the library and is fully equipped with books, computers, WIFI and educational materials.

The completed custom van was delivered to the library the first week of June 2021. In just its first three and a half weeks, the van reached 678 people in 16 unique locations. They anticipate reaching 16,000 unduplicated individuals in the coming year and eventually expanding outreach to double their pre-pandemic outreach to 60,000 contacts per year. The exterior wrap on the van includes the Women's Fund logo and acknowledgement of support on the rear door. All Women's Fund grant funds have been expended; the total cost of the van was \$276,354.

SEE International (\$60,000)

Community Needs Addressed: Healthcare, Family Support Services

This grant paid for several new pieces of optometric equipment for SEE's Santa Barbara Vision Care Program (SBVCP), which provides free eye care to low-income, underserved community members. The equipment has included glaucoma detection devices and a new adjustable chair, lamp and projector.

Over the course of 2020, Santa Barbara Vision Care treated over 2,200 patients including nearly 800 at the Santa Barbara clinic. As of June 2021, they have served over 1,300 individuals including nearly 700 at the Santa Barbara clinic, and given over 900 vouchers for free prescription eyeglasses. They have performed 14 surgeries in Santa Barbara County free of charge. Of the \$60,000 Women's Fund grant, they had a remaining balance of \$949, which they planned to use by July 31 for the purchase of an iPad to streamline electronic health records and patient intake.

Showers of Blessing – Interfaith Initiative of SB County (\$65,000)

Community Need Addressed: Housing Assistance, Homelessness, Healthcare

This grant provided funds to purchase a new three-stall mobile shower, along with funds to upgrade a truck used to pull the unit.

The three-stall trailer was purchased and is in use at several sites in place of or in addition to their older two-stall unit. Since August 2020 when the trailer was placed in service, it has provided 3,355 showers through 226 shower sessions. The exterior wrap on the trailer includes the Women's Fund logo and acknowledgement of support. A balance of \$10,067 remains of the \$65,000 grant, which they will use by the end of December 2021 for needed truck and trailer modifications.