

# 2015-16 Grants – Year-End Report Summary

#### Academy for Success - Santa Barbara Education Foundation (\$60,000)

Community Need Addressed: Mental Health, Education

This grant paid for a large portion of the Academy's mental health budget during the 2016-2017 school year as the program expanded from one to three high schools.

Over 50% of participating program students in three high schools have benefitted from seeing a licensed therapist on a regular basis, free of charge during the school day. (Eligible at-risk students range from 30-60 per high school.) Mental health counseling, along with other program components help students learn to replace bad, unproductive harmful habits with healthy, more beneficial habits that will serve them better.

Long-term benefits of the program include reduction in school drop-out rates, more productive graduates with job opportunities and a better life for themselves and their families. Partially due to the Women's Fund grant, 65% of funds needed for next school year have been secured through foundations. The Academy hopes the district will take over the costs in the near future.

The full grant was expended on mental health counselors that served three high schools. The project was budgeted for monthly disbursements in order to maintain constant care throughout the 2016-2017 school year.

### **Doctors Without Walls - Santa Barbara Street Medicine (\$65,000)**

Community Need Addressed: Health Care, Homelessness

This grant paid for a fully outfitted mobile medical clinic offering a wheelchair-accessible secure and private area for examination and wound care treatment of homeless individuals.

In addition to the purchase of the van, close to \$9,000 was expended for insurance, parking, fuel, supplies, repairs and maintenance. A pop-up exam tent has allowed Doctors Without Walls (DWW) to set up temporary clinics not only at sites where homeless people congregate, but also at low-income housing sites.

The van is used to transport women to the regularly scheduled free Women's Health Clinic at Transition House and where more specialized care is needed, to transport patients to medical appointments with the Companion Care program. During the winter, the van provides services at "warming centers" held at churches and other locations.

In 2016 DWW saw a total of 755 unduplicated patients, of which 527 were new patients. The van has enabled DWW to increase their visibility resulting in increased donations, funder solicitations and assistance from Social Venture Partners.

Funds have been fully expended. Outreach has increased awareness and need to where another van would be justified.

### **Easy Lift Transportation (\$55,000)**

# Community Need Addressed: Youth Engagement K-12

This grant paid for van maintenance, insurance, fuel costs and 1.5 full-time equivalent drivers for one year, dedicated solely to the Children's Accessible Transportation which meets the transportation needs of low income children.

The entire grant was not fully expended in this 2016-17 period. The Children's Accessible Transportation program saw a drop in the number of participating program partners largely due to program eliminations by school districts, thus the number of children served were not expanded by 30%, as anticipated based on prior trends. Easy Lift submitted a request to extend the timeline for six months.

Over 300 unduplicated children have received 4,500 rides to summer camps, educational courses and counseling services to sustain enrichment and a stable environment outside of school. This did not meet the intended goal to provide 9,000 rides to 475 unduplicated children for the year.

The funds were not fully expended by the Easy Lift Children's Accessible Transportation program. With a six- month extension, Easy Lift expects to expend all funds by 2018.

# Garden Court, Inc. - Gardens on Hope (\$100,000)

Community Need Addressed: Housing Assistance, Seniors

This grant was a lead gift in the capital campaign to build Gardens on Hope that will provide housing and related services for low-income seniors

New construction on Gardens on Hope has not started due to the application process for "9% Low Income Housing Tax Credit" financing. The development of this project is dependent on a successful award of tax credits. As of September 2017, Garden Court, Inc. is appealing the second tax credit application while preparing an application for the next round of approvals. Once the application is approved, construction is anticipated to take 14-18 months. After completion, 107 unduplicated senior residents will be housed and served over the next five years.

The funds are fully expended on pre-development activities directly related to new construction such as, environmental review, architecture and permitting process with the City of Santa Barbara.

#### Isla Vista Public Improvement Corporation - Children's Park in Isla Vista (\$65,000)

# Community Need Addressed: Youth Engagement K-12

This grant paid for the construction of a covering for a multipurpose center at the Children's Park in Isla Vista which will provide weather protection for free after-school programs for children, ages 5-12.

This project had been held up in County Planning but now all required plans and permits have been approved. The request for construction bids has been distributed to contractors. Barring unforeseen circumstances, the project should begin in October and be completed in December 2017. Isla Vista Public Improvement Corporation anticipates the usage of the park will increase 20-30% over the next five years as more people become aware of the facility.

As of September 29, \$9,360 of the \$65,000 (14%) has been expended on engineering, architectural plans, permits, materials and labor. The funds will likely be expended by the end of 2017.

#### Isla Vista Youth Projects (IVYP) (\$75,000)

Community Need Addressed: Early Childhood Development, Education

This grant was a capital contribution to the purchase of the Isla Vista Children's Center.

130 low-income childcare spaces are secured with the purchase of the Isla Vista Children's Center. Escrow closed on the Children's Center on May 1, 2017, and IVYP is now the owner of the building after years of paying rent. Buying the building saves the agency \$54,000 a year that staff can use for educational, recreational and social programs for children and families regardless of income.

The funds have been fully expended. The Women's Fund \$75,000 grant to the capital project is devoted to the infant classroom where the Women's Fund is acknowledged on a plaque.

# **TRADART Foundation (\$50,000)**

Community Need Addressed: Employment Skills, Economic Development

This grant provided capital funding for the construction of a Tiny House on each of the three Santa Barbara High School campuses.

The TRADART board reported that the completion date will be extended to 2018. The project in the three high school Construction Technology classes will involve the completion of 1) Rough Carpentry in first year, and 2) Interior Finishes in second year. Unexpected lessons were delays due to the lack of time in the classroom to develop sufficient student skills to work on the project. Once the Tiny Houses are completed, they will be auctioned off to help support future Tiny House projects with the Woodworking/Construction Tech classes.

As of June 19, 2017, \$35,595 of the total grant has been spent on building materials and tools. The total project is anticipated to cost an estimated \$90,000. The hope is that the school district will pick up some of the cost in the future.