



Women's Fund

OF SANTA BARBARA

2017-18 Grants – Year-End Report Summary

CADA – Counsel on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (\$75,000 Expended)

Program Goal: Provide mental health services to 58 Teen Court youth to prevent repeat offenses and incarceration.

Grant Provided: Full-time licensed counselor to work one-on-one with youth in Teen Court program.

The CADA counselor hired with WF funding provided counseling services to 42 clients, rather than the 58 anticipated. This was due to the discovery that many teens were being served elsewhere in the community (Mission Harbor, Family Service Agency, CALM, Hope Counseling and Family Therapy Institute). The counselor therefore supplemented counseling services by providing case management services, as well as coordinated care with CADA's school-based counselors. When the counselor hired for this program left for a new job in March 2019, her caseload was taken over by other mental health counselors at the Daniel Bryant Youth and Family Center. Future funding for the program is secured through a state grant, Holman Group contracts and community donations.

Of the clients receiving services, 97% completed the Teen Court program and all of these clients showed significant improvement toward or completed their treatment goals. Evaluation protocols for Teen Court are still in the process of being developed through a collaboration with UCSB. As a result of Women's Fund site visits, CADA now views Teen Court as an education and prevention opportunity, encouraging parents of clients to attend and watch their children participate on the jury.

Children's Resource & Referral of Santa Barbara County (\$65,000 Expended)

Program Goal: Provide quality child care and business development training for home-based Family Child Care (FCC) Providers with 264 children in their care.

Grant Provided: Grant funded Tier One training for a cohort of 33 FCC Provider, including 25 hours of training classes, one-on-one coaching, home visits, technical assistance and resource kits.

All 33 of the FCC Providers completed the program including 20 recruited from a previous Women's Fund grant. They not only increased in quality, but also developed a network of

like-minded businesswomen whom support one another and advocate for high-quality Early Education in our community. An unexpected benefit of the program has been its positive impact in improving the lives and behavior of high-needs children. CRR received additional funding for this year, as well as securing funding from First 5 Santa Barbara to continue the program.

Dyslexia Intervention Program – Santa Barbara Education Foundation (\$50,000 Expended)

Program Goal: To remediate the effects of dyslexia in K-3 students in the SB school district.

Grant Provided: Funds expanded the Harding Elementary dyslexia intervention pilot to McKinley Elementary School by partially funding a trained Reading Specialist.

The Women’s Fund grant directly affected 18 students at the McKinley site, while the entire program served 80 students at three separate sites. Conversations have begun with agencies that have summer programs to provide a continuance of reading intervention through the summer. Future funding is secured, and the program will expand to three more elementary schools during the 19/20 school year. Grants have included two from WF member family foundations. The goal that students be reading at or near grade level by the end of the school year is being evaluated by an independent consulting firm and will be presented to the SBUSD Board in September.

Early Childhood Classroom Behavior Intervention Program – Goleta Education Foundation (\$50,000 Expended)

Program Goal: To help preschool and transitional kindergarten (TK) children in the Goleta Union School District learn skills so they can better understand their emotions and manage their behavior.

Grant Provided: Expansion of on-site team by funding an additional Early Childhood Consultant (from CALM) to help 3-5 year olds, as well as their teachers and parents, address behavioral issues.

There are approximately 150 families in the preschool and TK. While some families received one-on-one help, all families benefited from having their children experience the daily social-emotional development lessons. GEF collaborated with CALM, Isla Vista Youth Projects and the Bower Foundation on this program, and the Bower Foundation has pledged continued financial support. Goleta Union School District was awarded the CA School Boards Association’s Golden Bell Award for excellence in Early Childhood Educational Programs in recognition of this Early Childhood Classroom Behavior Intervention Program.

Foodbank of Santa Barbara County (\$95,000 Expended)

Program Goal: To increase the capacity to transport food donations and provide additional refrigerated food storage.

Grant Provided: Grant paid 80% of the cost of a new Hino refrigerated box truck outfitted with a lift gate, donation tracking software and GPS system.

This grant was the lead gift for the purchase of the new truck, with remaining costs covered by general operating funds. The new truck assists with donation pick-ups from retail sources and delivers to the Foodbank's 125 non-profit partner programs. The Women's Fund logo will be displayed on the new truck. During the first three quarters of the year, the truck contributed to serving 43,286 unduplicated clients in south county. They project that over 288,573 unduplicated clients will benefit over the next five years.

Santa Barbara Rescue Mission (\$100,000 Expended)

Program Goal: Increase the capacity and improve facilities for women needing emergency shelter.

Grant Provided: Paid a portion of the cost of renovating the facilities for homeless women, increasing the number of beds from 14 to 32 and creating new restroom facilities specifically for women.

From June 2018 to May 2019 the Rescue Mission served 214 women, providing 5,883 nights of shelter. The improved facilities, completed in November 2018, allowed these women to sleep in a safe environment and utilize the restroom facilities more privately. The project has greatly improved the efficiency of daily operations. The Women's Fund grant was one of three leadership grants for the women's shelter and bathroom projects. Publicity about the grant in May 2018 re-energized the Rescue Mission's campaign. 99% of funds needed for the remodel have been received.

United Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County (UBGC) (\$100,000 Expended)

Program Goal: To continue providing safe, structured nurturing environment for K-12 youth in afterschool and Saturday programs.

Grant Provided: This grant was the amount needed to rebuild and replace the worst sections of their damaged roof, allowing programs to continue.

The roof work is complete for this project in which Women's Fund was the lead donor. Action Roofing gave in-kind support, which reduced costs from the original bid of \$250,000 to actual cost of \$178,250. UBGC was able to complete the fund raising effort. With programs fully functioning, UBGC reached 511 youth members in 2018.