

REPORT 2019 April Cycle

GENERAL INFORMATION			
Organization Information			
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REPORT INFORMATION			
Report Funding Cycle: 2019 April Cycle		Report Date: 02/24/2020 12:00 am	
1: Please include in your report the dollar amount of the funds that were awarded, the date they were funded and what the funds supported.			
Awarded Amount: 14,000		Date: 04/06/2020	
2: Were the objectives cited in your original proposal met? Please address each started objective and how it was met.			
Our objectives were met and exceeded. We were able to continue a steady supply of books at our local social services organization and we were asked to increase support in many areas.			
3: Please explain any changes from the original proposal and the circumstances that lead to the modification of the objective.			
Our proposal included funds for the purchase of books and we were fortunate to have received brand new books from the efforts of the English teachers in our school district. This meant that we were able to supply Blessings in a Backpack with a book for each child in elementary school without having to spend any money. We were asked to increase our support of the library's upcoming Summer Learning Odyssey as well as the after school programs because many of the children don't have access to books at home and they want to be able to support them in their literacy needs.			
4: What needs were addressed?			
We met the need for access to books for children living in poverty. We met the need of educating our community on the importance to reading to children from birth. We met the library's need for support in programs which encourage a love of learning and we created lending library's at our local Head Start and our Alternative School.			

5: What method of evaluation did you use to monitor and measure the project's outcome and what are the result?

The amount of times we replenished the bookshelves at our distribution locations allowed us to determine the success of our message and the success of encouraging children to read. Through teacher feedback we were able to better appreciate the impact on the children when they received a book with their weekend food bag. Through feedback from the social services organizations we were able to determine that, through encouraging children to read, we had also encouraged parents to read.

6: Do you plan to continue this project, and if so, how do you plan to sustain it?

We not only plan to continue this program but we see the need to grow it as well. Sustainability was always our goal and we are doing that through grants, donations of money and books and through regular communication channels.

7: Please provide any other comments of information relevant to this grant.

Boerne Reads had tremendous growth in 2019. We were contacted by more organization wishing to provide books to children who many not have them at home. Our biggest successes were seen through Head Start and BISD. Through Head Start we saw the most increase in needed books. What we couldn't meet was the need for Spanish language books and we plan to work on that immediately. With the help of BISD, we were able to ensure that we were hitting our target population and were able to identify areas of need which we didn't know before. Boerne Academy is our alternative school for children who don't thrive in a regular class environment. This campus did not have a library at all. Through the support of the community, we were able to create a small lending library and we hope to add more books to those shelves. As with all big endeavors we learned that some things will take more time and we are excited about the number of volunteers we now have who can go out in the community to read to children.

8: Please provide an updated detailed projected budget with expenses for the received grant. Also include the totals for the budgeted and actual amount. Explain any discrepancies between the budgeted and the actual expenses for the project.

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Requested Funds	Project Funds Actual	Najim Funds Allocation
New Books	\$20,000	\$14,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
Marketing	\$5,000	\$0	\$400	\$0
Supplies/Resources	\$7,500	\$4,000	\$0	\$0
Expenses Related to Volunteers	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$0
Staff	\$25,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
Library Programs	\$0	\$0	\$22,000	\$3,000
TOTAL:	\$62,500	\$20,000	\$48,400	\$14,000

Signature

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