

REPORT 2020 April Cycle

GENERAL INFORMATION			
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REPORT INFORMATION			
Report Funding Cycle: 2020 April Cycle		Report Date: 04/28/2021 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: 15,000		Date: 05/13/2020	
2: Were the objectives cited in your original proposal met? Please address each started objective and how it was met.			
As delineated in question 3 below, Camp Brainstorm 2020 did not take place, so the objectives cited in the original proposal were not met through this route. However, EFCST continued to provide exemplary services and programs to their constituents despite the numerous barriers the pandemic rendered. In response to this financial crisis, staff rapidly redirected their efforts to grant writing. Their pursuits resulted in hundreds of thousands in emergency funds that were immediately applied to all 79 counties served by EFCST.			
3: Please explain any changes from the original proposal and the circumstances that lead to the modification of the objective.			
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Camp Brainstorm 2020 did not take place at Camp Aranzazu as outlined in the original proposal. The Najim Charitable Foundation was made aware of this and provided funds for General Operating Expenses instead. Funds from this grant were applied to personnel costs, rent expenses, and utilities. These expenses were necessary for EFCST to continue providing the high-quality services it has become known for during these unprecedented times.			
4: What needs were addressed?			

Despite the challenges stated above, EFCST continued to meet the needs of the epilepsy community in Central and South Texas. All epilepsy self-management programs, support groups, and Seizure Outreach Clinics were reformatted and delivered in a virtual setting. EFCST even offered a virtual version of summer camp that allowed children with epilepsy to safely do activities with their friends from Camp Brainstorm and make new friends. Virtual Camp was so popular that it was extended beyond the one-week plan! Additionally, EFCST continued providing emergency medications and assisting patients outside of clinic hours. These services address needs like physical, behavioral, and mental health - which are all heavily impacted by epilepsy, especially considering the pandemic.

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

EFCST continued utilizing well-established evaluation methods for all projects that took place in this grant year. Programs utilize pre-and post-surveys to determine fidelity and effectiveness, and clinic staff regularly speak with patients to determine satisfaction levels. Administrative staff maintains and regularly reviews all financial records.

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

The originally proposed project, Camp Brainstorm, will continue to be offered annually. For 2021 it has been scheduled for June 21-25 at Camp Aranzazu! High attendance and retention rates show the passion the children and their parents have for this program. The community support is just as high, as evidenced by repeat donors and diversified gifts from a wide range of funders. Additionally, EFCST is continuously seeking new funding sources and improving its marketing, implementation, and evaluation methods for Camp.

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

During the grant period, EFCST saw many accomplishments thanks to general operating grants like that from The Najim Family Foundation.

In February 2021, EFCST introduced a new virtual Epilepsy Training for Behavioral Health Professionals conference - an event with a highly diverse and accomplished panel of speakers heard by over 100 attendees internationally.

In March 2021, young adults with epilepsy from across EFCST's service area attended the first EFCST Young Adult Retreat. A great time was had by all, including Torres, a service dog who also has epilepsy! Adding to March's excitement, Central Texas Manager, Mary Saldivar presented the first-ever international Seizure First Aid Training in Spanish.

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
Camp facility rental & support (\$562.50 per child includes food & shelter for youth, doctors, counselors, & staff)	\$45,000	\$24,000	\$0	\$0
Marketing & promotion	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment & supplies (for health & activities)	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Camp transportation (includes charter bus & gas to & from camp)	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating expenses (staff, training, recruiting, postage)	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel Costs	\$9,970	\$0	\$9,970	\$9,970
Rent Expense	\$4,933	\$0	\$4,933	\$4,933
Utilities	\$97	\$0	\$97	\$97
TOTAL:	\$111,000	\$24,000	\$15,000	\$15,000

Signature

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