

REPORT 2019 October Cycle

GENERAL INFORMATION

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REPORT INFORMATION

Report Funding Cycle: 2019 October Cycle	Report Date: 08/31/2020 12:00 am
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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: 60,000	Date: 11/08/2019
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2: Were the objectives cited in your original proposal met? Please address each started objective and how it was met.

Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas (GSSWT) anticipated 11,090 girls would be served through the Girl Genius Tutoring Program, Gamma Sigma Girls(R), Gamma Sigma PearlsTM, In-School and After School collaborations and summer camp during the 2019-2020 program year, however, due to COVID-19 we were not able to finish our programming so we fell short of our goal by 4,443. Sixty girls in the Girl Genius program were able to get the homework assistance they needed in a safe environment after school at the West Side Girl Scout Leadership Center (WSGSLC), 4,441 girls participated in our in-school programming and worked on our Business Patch curriculum, 834 girls received Girl Scout programming through after-school collaborations, while 564 middle school girls and 419 high school girls participated in numerous leadership activities in our Gamma Sigma programs. Due to COVID 19 - camp was designed to serve less girls to be in alignment with Texas Department of Health, ACA and CDC guidelines. GSSWT offered limited in person Camp Metro as well as a virtual option to 329 girls. GSSWT was able to host our monthly family events at the WSGSLC for the first half of the grant period but due to office closures as a result of COVID-19, events scheduled from March through September were cancelled or held virtually.

3: Please explain any changes from the original proposal and the circumstances that lead to the modification of the objective.

As a result of COVID-19, Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas (GSSWT) was forced to modify all programming in March 2020. Due to school closings Girl Genius, Gamma Sigma and In-School and After-School collaboration programs were not offered on campuses after Spring Break. Camp Metro was also modified to reduced weeks and limited girls in attendance. However, GSSWT was able to quickly change its program delivery method by moving to a completely virtual platform. Girls were able to access a myriad of Girl Scout programming online by visiting our Girl Scouting from Home page at (<https://www.girlscouts-swtx.org/en/our-council/covid-19-prevention/girl-scouting-from-home.html>). The West Side Girl Scout Leadership Center was also closed to the public starting in March and has yet to reopen for the safety of our girls, families and staff.

4: What needs were addressed?

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) continued to address the need for female youth education and extracurricular activities. There is an evident gap in the availability of all-girl programs; particularly in disadvantaged communities. According to the Excel Beyond the Bell/UP Partnership, only 13% of the demand for out of school time programming is met in Bexar County. Gamma Sigma and Camp Metro are valued extensions of the GSLE and continued to help fulfill this gap for female youths during the 2020 program year. Including virtual options for girls during the pandemic allowed them to participate in Girl Scout activities and earn awards from the safety of their home.

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

With the support of the national Girl Scout Research Institute, GSSWT uses pre- and post-surveys to evaluate the quantitative outcomes for all programs. With that being said, due to COVID-19, we were not able to complete post surveys for most of our programs.

Camp Metro results for 2020 were:

88% of girls reported developing a stronger sense of self

95% of girls indicated/demonstrated an increase of positive values

96% of girls fostered healthy relationships

93% of girls sought challenges in the world

90% of girls became community problem solvers

Additionally, GSSWT partners with UP Partnership to monitor academic data for Gamma Sigma. The 2020 data is still being compiled and evaluated; however, GSSWT can provide the results of our 2019 program year. At the time of our 2019 final report, this data had not yet been released.

Gamma Sigma results for 2019 were:

70% of girls increased school attendance from the previous school year (This is a 6% positive increase from 2018)

5% of girls required disciplinary action compared to 9% of students district-wide

100% of girls received a grade promotion compared to 99% of all of Bexar County (grades 9-12)

84% of girls passed the STAAR Math test compared to 74% of all of Bexar County

87% of girls passed Algebra II compared to 79% of their peers

97% of girls engaged in community service/take action projects

90% of girls gained in self-efficacy

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

Programming based out of the WSGSLC will continue to be a priority for Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas (GSSWT). The program fulfills a need for underserved girls to have a safe space where they can explore common interests and engage in advocacy, taking action and college readiness through peer-to-peer mentorship. Grounded in the proven social and emotional learning outcomes of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, our program provides positive at-risk behavior prevention through educational and recreational activities for girls in Bexar County who need it most. During the 2020-2021 program year, GSSWT will however alter the way we serve girls going forward to accommodate the intersessional breaks of the school districts we serve. For example, Camp Metro will launch four sessions that will take place during the school year to meet the needs of Edgewood ISD students.

GSSWT will continue to sustain all programming by seeking additional grant funding, individual donations and revenue from product program sales to offset the costs of operation. Funding support is also provided by some partnering school systems.

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

When asked for feedback on our Gamma Sigma program this is what some of our members had to say:

o A lot was going on and I didn't have many friends. A girl asked me to join and I did. I feel like I belonged for the first time in a long time. The COVID hit - but three of my gamma sigma sisters and I talked everyday so it was cool.

o I made fun of girls in girls scouts for a long time. Then someone asked me to join and found out they are just like me - just trying to survive. I found a place I fit in.

o No one judges me in gamma sigma - I can be me.

o I learned a lot about being a leader! It was hard but had a great teacher helping us. I had fun - then COVID. But my teachers still met with us on ZOOM to keep us together. The friends I made in Gamma Sigma we stayed in touch as well after we left school.

o I changed school last year and didn't know anybody. A girl in my algebra class was telling me about a club she was in and invited me. I was not sure at first. But now I love it. I have made great friends and it has helped me getting to know people in a new school.

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
Girl Genius	\$68,800	\$15,000	\$60,664	\$15,000
Camp Metro	\$396,300	\$5,250	\$200,872	\$5,250
Facility Expenses	\$256,000	\$40,000	\$230,881	\$20,000
Gamma Sigma	\$154,400	\$39,750	\$164,767	\$19,750
TOTAL:	\$875,500	\$100,000	\$657,184	\$60,000

Signature

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