

# REPORT 2018 April Cycle

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Organization Information

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### Application Contact

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## REPORT INFORMATION

<b>Report Funding Cycle:</b> 2018 April Cycle	<b>Report Date:</b> 02/24/2019 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: 42,500	Date: 04/11/2018
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**2: Were the objectives cited in your original proposal met? Please address each started objective and how it was met.**

The 2018 Summer Vocational Program fulfilled all its objectives and was another unqualified success. Youth learned an assortment of life skills, including task completion, problem solving, promptness, team work, and the value of individual effort and accomplishment. Each child was individually evaluated, with feedback from supervisors on a daily basis to provide encouragement and education. An added objective is the discovery of individual gifts. Often a young person becomes his or her team's worker of the year who did not do so well in the academic school year, and this frequently provides motivation for improvement in the next school term. More information, including an individual earnings report, is available if needed.

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

N/A

**4: What needs were addressed?**

Foster children often come from families with poor role models in terms of responsibility and accomplishment. The Summer Work Program is designed to make each child or teen feel important to others on his team, and to be honored for contributions made, however large or small. In addition, as foster youth age out, and enter adulthood, they need to have life skills and training like that provided in the Summer Work Program in order to face the world without the support system that most young adults have during their transition to adulthood. The Summer Work Program is part of a larger strategy to prepare youth for life after foster care, including college and the work place. The daily scoring system for individuals and teams emphasizes these important skills -- planning, task completion, problem solving, promptness, and the value of individual initiative and accomplishment.

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

Each of twelve teams on the two campuses, each team with eight youth and two supervisors, meet together every morning to plan the day. Judges and support personnel roam the campuses to visit work sites and provide several points of feedback during the morning as to scoring for the day and coach each team on ways to improve. On Fridays at 10:00 a.m., the entire groups of teams and supervisors gather in the campus cafeterias to receive scores and awards, both individual and team, for the week. At the end of summer, all team leaders, judges, and supervisors gather to evaluate the program and make suggestions for improvements.

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

The Summer Work Program is now ready for year #42, and is the longest continuously running program for youth living at Hill Country Youth Ranch. As you can see from the budget, the Work Program is a component of a comprehensive summer enrichment program, with revenues coming from a variety of sources. Over the years, we have found ways to sustain and grow these programs. It is one of the most important seasons in our work with these children, allowing for the engagement with children by all staff (including accounting, training, HR, and program support staff), and the emergence of unique individual gifts among the youth. The whole campus gets involved, and we hope to continue receiving support from the Najim Family Foundation and our other funding sources that allow us to put together and sustain the various components of the highly successful Summer Enrichment Program.

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

The increase in overall actual expenses for the entire Summer Enrichment Program, as detailed in the table below, is owing to the fact that the summer breakfast and lunch programs, along with academic remediation and advancement classes, were extended to cover ten weeks instead of the traditional eight weeks, significantly increasing those lines in actual expenses. These expenses were paid through the Charter School TEA and federal funding for such programs. The extra weeks of meals served in the cafeterias allowed houseparents to continue having that task relief during the long summer days, and also helped keep the days scheduled for other morning and afternoon events through middle August.

**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.**

<b>Line Item Description</b>	<b>Total Project Funds Allocation</b>	<b>Najim Requested Funds</b>	<b>Project Funds Actual</b>	<b>Najim Funds Allocation</b>
Earnings for Youth Participants in Vocational Education Program	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$32,638	\$31,000
Morning Workcrew Tools & Supplies	\$11,500	\$11,500	\$12,218	\$11,500
Educational & Recreational Program Supplies	\$16,000	\$0	\$14,250	\$14,250

Educational Trips with Matching Funds earned by each of 18 children's houses	\$9,000	\$0	\$8,500	\$8,500
Salaries for Educational & Recreational Program Teachers & Supervisors	\$55,000	\$0	\$56,981	\$56,981
Salaries for Summer Academic Education at Charter School	\$25,000	\$0	\$44,966	\$44,966
Salaries for Workcrew Trainers and Supervisors	\$41,000	\$0	\$41,217	\$41,217
Federal Summer Lunch Program	\$33,000	\$0	\$42,680	\$42,680
Alumni Internship Program (HCYR & BSRC graduates & college students)	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,655	\$25,655
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$246,500</b>	<b>\$42,500</b>	<b>\$279,105</b>	<b>\$276,749</b>
<b>Signature</b> Gary Priour				