

REPORT 2020 April Cycle

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

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REPORT INFORMATION

Report Funding Cycle: 2020 April Cycle	Report Date: 02/06/2021 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: 04/24/2020
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2: Were the objectives cited in your original proposal met? Please address each started objective and how it was met.

Yes, all objectives were met. Youth learned values of project planning, team work, problem solving, accomplishment, and individual effort. They each opened a savings account and deposited their earnings before deciding whether to spend or save. Special effort and leadership skills were rewarded with bonuses.

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

The objectives remained constant. But with school closing in late March, work crews began to rotate during weekdays in April and May to add to the activities schedule, making the summer five months long instead of three months long. This allowed more accomplishment, earnings, and planning of projects than had been anticipated or budgeted.

4: What needs were addressed?

Youth need to discover and develop their gifts. Sometimes, youth who are behind academically shine in a vocational education setting, adding to their sense of self-worth and motivation to do well in other areas. The vocational education program is a life skills program, teaching work ethic, promptness, accomplishment and care of self and others. It fills a real gap for foster children needing life skills training before graduation.

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

With a 44-year history, this program is well tested, and continual evaluation is a key to its success. The teams meet every morning to self-evaluate and plan the day. Judges and support personnel roam the campuses to visit work sites and provide points of feedback during the morning, coaching teams and individuals on ways to improve and giving encouragement. On Fridays at 10:00 a.m., all the teams gather in the campus cafeterias to receive scores and awards, both individual and team, for the week, and to provide acknowledgements and feedback to one another. At the end of summer, all team leaders, judges, and supervisors gather to evaluate the program and make suggestions for improvements. Perhaps the best evaluation comes from adult alumni on their visits home. Often the highlight of such a visit is sharing memories with their spouses and children about work crew.

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

The project will continue each summer as it is well-proven. Revenues from numerous sources combine to make all of the summer programs possible. We hope that these sources will continue to be supportive, and we will work hard to sustain each one.

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

The updated budget listed below shows more actual expenditures than predicted, owing mostly to the closing of our Charter Schools in April and May owing to the pandemic. Only the category of Educational Trips had an expenditure less than budgeted, for the reason that distance travel was curtailed. The total of fund actually expended reached \$361,356, though I was unable to enter that total in the cell provided. Also "Project Funds Actual" would only accept numbers with a dollar sign, and I'm not sure why. But the numbers are entered for each line item in the budget for actual expenditures.

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
Earnings for Youth Participants in Vocational Education Program	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$32,022	\$31,000
Morning Workcrew Tools & Supplies	\$11,500	\$11,500	\$12,918	\$11,500
Educational & Recreational Program Supplies	\$15,000	\$0	\$18,119	\$
Educational Trips with Matching Funds earned by each of 18 children's houses	\$6,000	\$0	\$924	\$
Salaries for Educational & Recreational Program Teachers & Supervisors	\$57,000	\$0	\$95,445	\$

Salaries for Summer Academic Education at Charter School	\$45,000	\$0	\$75,684	\$
Salaries for Workcrew Trainers and Supervisors	\$41,000	\$0	\$51,544	\$
Federal Summer Lunch Program	\$43,000	\$0	\$43,417	\$
Alumni Internship Program (HCYR & BSRC graduates & college students)	\$25,000	\$0	\$31,283	\$
TOTAL:	\$274,500	\$42,500	\$361,356	\$42,500
Signature Gary Priour, Director of Financial Management				