

REPORT 2017 October Cycle

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

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REPORT INFORMATION

Report Funding Cycle: 2017 October Cycle	Report Date: 08/01/2019 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: 80,000	Date: 10/10/2018
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2: Were the objectives cited in your original proposal met? Please address each started objective and how it was met.

Objective 1: Develop self-discipline and study habits in students, improve basic academic skills and improve educational achievement.

SA Youth met the following objectives: 85% of OST students improved grades, 100% of OST students were promoted to the next grade level, 100% of OST students completed their homework assignments, 21 OST students participated in 1:1 tutoring, 588 OST students participated in academic and drama type of clubs, 240 OST students improved SA Youth program attendance (from Fall to Spring semester), 300 OST students participated in the Summer Reading Program, 80% of OST students completed the Summer Reading Program, 90% of OST students increased their reading levels by one level, 60 Hours of reading was provided during the Summer Program, 285 Parents attended OST Center activities, including Family Engagement Nights, and 47 Parents attended Nutrition Education activities.

Objective2: Decrease or eliminate delinquent behaviors, develop responsibility, and develop leadership abilities.

During the grant period, the OST Program conducted all 40 Assets included in the Search Institutes Internal and External building blocks; Support, Empowerment, Boundaries and Expectations, Constructive Use of Time, Commitment to Learning, Positive Values, Social Competencies, and Positive Identity.

Objective 3: Engage participants in moderate to vigorous physical activity, encourage healthier nutrition habits and advocate about the dangers of smoking and alcohol/drug use.

During the grant period, the OST Program held 4 physical activities per week, 9 Nutrition Education activities, and 2 presentations pertaining to Alcohol/Drug/and Smoking use.

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

There were no changes to the original proposal and no modification was necessary.

4: What needs were addressed?

SA Youth evaluated community needs and resources through a preliminary review of baseline data for all participating campuses and OST sites, and by meeting with school officials. The goals, objectives, site locations, and services were aligned with initial studies, meetings, and assessments. Significant needs identified included improved academic performance, improved promotion rates, improved attendance rates, and improved behaviors. SA Youth also offered educational support for working families to include: family-based reading and literacy activities, parenting workshops and trainings, and family-centered learning workshops. This facet of the program not only helps parents provide more support for their children, but also makes parents serve as role models and "life-long learners." SA Youth's after school/OST program appreciates the value and success of working with families; especially working poor families that struggle to make ends meet.

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

SA Youth utilized various data collecting measures to evaluate the success of its after school program. Accordingly, the SA Youth Program Director received weekly reports from each center that reflected the level of program effectiveness as measured through pre- and post-surveys, verbal feedback (from students, teachers, and parents), and attendance rates. Schools and School Districts provided student related data on a quarterly basis, in order to measure STAAR scores, grades, promotions, attendance, and discipline action. The Program Director also observed the overall performance of all after school program activities and took immediate action to implement adjustments that were deemed to be necessary. An external evaluator was also contracted, who ensured implementation and impact of program objectives and measures were being utilized appropriately at the center level.

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

SA Youth's preliminary plan for its after school program is focused on building capacity in all of our ten (10) centers over a three year period; then gradually transitioning to a sliding scale tuition-based model. Additional strategies for ensuring sustainability include developing aggressive fundraising events and soliciting financial support from dedicated and committed individuals, foundations, and corporations. SA Youth has over 35 years of experience in managing grants from federal and state agencies, foundations and corporate organizations; including decades of funding through United Way. We have successfully managed grants and contracts from HUD, Health and Human Services, Texas Education Agency, and City of San Antonio. Community support for our programs is also strong. Local government leaders, corporations, individuals, and especially educational institutions are behind our efforts and fully support our after school/OST program.

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

SA Youth's OST program is taking on a significant development in the year 2020. SA Youth is planning to help at-risk students transition from middle school to high school, in a collaborative effort to help reduce high school drop-out rates within the South San Antonio Independent School District. This endeavor will open OST services to grades 6 thru 8 (middle school), as several studies have identified this educational stage as a critical point in a students' chances of graduating or even succeeding at higher educational levels. For example, during this transition middle school students are exposed to being picked on or teased by older students, while also being challenged to a new and higher level of academic responsibility. Along with other potential difficulties, such as confusion about getting to class and getting work done, many at-risk students are vulnerable to beginning a downward spiral that is difficult to recover from. Without the understanding support from dedicated, and kind-hearted organizations, such as the Harvey Najim Family Foundation, we could not do what we do to help at-risk youth succeed, and we thank you for that.

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
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salaries and Benefits for Programs	\$1,270,750	\$91,000	\$1,279,750	\$71,000
Supplies for Programs	\$50,000	\$9,000	\$41,000	\$9,000
TOTAL:	\$1,320,750	\$100,000	\$1,320,750	\$80,000

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