

# Final Grant Report Summaries for the 2016-17 Grant Year

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These reports are compiled from information received from the grantees as part of their end-of-grant reporting.

**Organization: Blaine County Education Foundation (BCEF)** 

**Project Title:** BCEF Signature Programs to support BCSD Students and Teachers

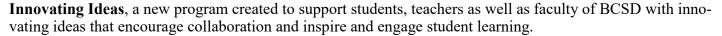
**Grant Amount: \$25,000** 

Objectives & Outcomes:

Can Do Fund demonstrate a 50% increase of support to students in BCSD as well as a 50% increase of Back to School Supplies to students

**Teacher Mini Grants** – Provided mini Grants to all teachers that submitted requests. We partnered with BCSD to provide Professional Development from Lee Pesky Learning Center to K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers and Reading Specialists focusing on Early Reading Programs. We added a tab on our website allowing teachers to ask for donations for classroom materials throughout the year.

**Academic Excellence** provided support to 3 new clubs & 3 clubs from previous years.



**Education Enhancement Programs** – Provided 5 new support classes to students

3 Elementary After School Homework clubs

After School Study Skills Class at WRMS

Challenge advanced students at WRMS Book Club.

Social skills class expanded support to SCHS and WRHS students.

New social skills class to support students in A101 special needs.

All 7 support classes have demonstrated success through increased over all grades, less missing assignments, and higher test scores.

**Impact** - Overall we were able to impact over 2,000 students in BCSD. Our Can Do program doubled to directly impact 283 students in 2015-2016 to 484 students in 2016-2017. Under the **Can Do Fund** we grew the Back to School Supply Campaign to offer backpacks to 150 students in 2015-2016 to 310 students in 2016-2017.

The impact that we had was felt by students but also by the teachers in BCSD. The teachers are showing a faith and overall approval of the Education Foundation. This is a huge success for our Foundation since 2

years ago many teachers hadn't heard of us and did not feel that the Education Foundation had much impact. For the beginning of the 2017 school year we have had 27 teacher mini grant requests. This tells BCEF that we are doing our job and making a difference for students and teachers.

Expenses	Amount Requested from WRWF	Actual Expenditures
BCEF Signature Programs		
**(New)Innovating Ideas		\$4,500
Teacher Mini Grants	\$5,000	\$ 6,159.90
Education Enhancement Program	\$7,000	\$23,467.15
Academic Excellence	\$5,000	\$5,050
Can Do Fund	\$5000	\$14,432.62
Evaluation	\$250	\$0
Marketing	\$250	\$647.48
Administration	\$2,500	\$ 36,005.52
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 90,262.67</u>



The Blaine County Sheriff Search and Rescue (BCSAR) is a volunteer organization which operates under the authority of Blaine County Sheriff Steve M. Harkins and the non-profit umbrella of Blaine County government. Operations are commanded by the Sheriff, BCSO Lieutenant Bryan Carpita and sworn deputies of the Blaine County Sheriff's Office. Membership is made up of trained individuals who donate their time to train and maintain their readiness so others may live. The primary mission of BCSAR is to save lives.

BCSAR performs multiple types of operations in the performance of its duties. The most common operation conducted is a search for a missing person; Additional types of operations include:

Medical assistance and extraction of people injured in the backcountry

Body recovery of fatal accident victims

Search and/or recovery of avalanche victims

Assist in swift river rescues

Assist in criminal investigations

Assist Sheriff's Office during natural disasters

Blaine County Search and Rescue also provides logistic and support services for other rescue groups, local fire departments, Sun Valley Ski Patrol, and heli-ski guides. During the Beaver Creek and Castle Rock Fires, BCSAR members assisted the Sheriff's Office in evacuations and road closures.

BCSAR provides rescue and recovery services year round to 22,000 Blaine County residents and approximately 345,000 annual visitors.

BCSAR was awarded \$21,500 in 2016 from the Wood River Women's Foundation with a \$3,500 match to fund a six person utility trail vehicle (UTV). The goal of the project was to assist our ability to be effective in saving lives in situations and seasons when our previous equipment was not effective. In July 2016, we purchased a 2017 Polaris Razor XP, and Camoplast Track Kit for a total of \$23,598. Additionally, we have added lights, side mirrors, lower doors, helmets, a windshield, winch, and stokes litter to the Razor. Our contribution has been in excess of \$4,000 to the project. See budget table.

The acquisition of the Razor and Tracking System has been a great addition to our equipment as the majority of Blaine County Search and Rescue operations are conducted in backcountry areas which require access by four wheel vehicles. The Razor is designed to provide backcountry access in variable conditions and afford the ideal seating capacity for transporting rescue team members, medical teams, K9 teams, victims, and equipment into or out of the backcountry. This past year we used it for three monthly member trainings, two rescues, and

one body retrieval. One rescue involved a search for someone with a broken leg in the backcountry. The other involved locating an off road motorcycle accident. This tool has allowed our organization to expedite their rescues and execute our mission of saving lives.

Expenses	Award from	BCSAR Contri-	Total
	WRWCF	bution	Expenses
Equipment & Installation	\$21,500	\$4,288	\$25,788



We are extremely grateful for this award which allows us to deliver on our mission, dedication, and commitment to help those in need and increase the chances of survival during dire circumstances. Thank you.

**Organization:** Environmental Resource Center (ERC)

**Project Title:** Pesticide Action

Grant Amount: \$10,000

Thanks to your generous support, we were able to expand our *Pesticide Action* program. Highlights include:

#### 2016:

1) Hired two summer interns who:

Maintained the insectary that is growing spotted knapweed-eating insects. Collected data on the effectiveness of a variety of weed controls throughout the county.



Hemingway 4<sup>th</sup> grade students learn about the importance of soil health at the insectary

- 2) Brought Deb Taylor, botanist for the Forest Service, onto the ERC Board to assist with the program.
- 3) Received a grant from LUSH Cosmetics where we were able to place customized *Pesticide Action* labels on its nationally-distributed Charity Pot lotions. Additionally, we tabled at the LUSH store in Meridian.

#### 2017:

Facilitated a free weed control and prevention workshop with the Wood River Land Trust and Blaine County Noxious Weed Department at the Community Campus in Hailey.

Held a free showing of PBS's Rachel Carson documentary at The Community Library highlighting the dangers of pesticide use.

Collaborated with Atkinsons' Market to raise awareness about the negative impact chemicals have on pollinators. This included large signs at the front of all three stores and smaller signs near 15+ organic

fruits and vegetables.

Created locally sourced, pollinator-friendly seed packets that were freely distributed to the community.

This spring, the ERC conducted its first youth-focused *Pesticide Action* program. As part of the WOW-Students program, the ERC worked with all of Hemingway Elementary's 4<sup>th</sup> grade students to raise awareness about pollinators and pesticides. Students assisted the ERC in decorating its seed packets and visited the insectary.

Facilitated its first youth-oriented program to Hemingway's 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Students learned about noxious weeds, various control methods, and the importance of looking to alternatives first.

It was inspiring to see how clearly students understood the connections between the health of an ecosystem and the health of a community. They grasped the importance of protecting our environment and the urgency with which we need to act. When students' excitement for the natural landscape is contagious and palpable, as it was on our field trip, we know we've made a difference.

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Expenses	Amount re- quested from WRWF	Actual Expenses	
Salary and Benefits	5000	5000	
Contract Services (consulting, professional, fundraising)	1250	1660	
Operations (rent, utilities, maintenance)	350	500	
Training and Professional Development	250	300	
Insurance	50	50	
Travel	300	500	
Equipment	550	365	
Supplies	350	350	
Printing, Copying and Postage	500	500	
Evaluation	150	150	
Marketing (website resources)	1,000	375	
Administration	50	50	
Other-Fundraising	200	200	
TOTAL	10,000	10,000	

**Organization:** Blaine County Education Foundation (Hemingway Elementary) **Project Title:** Star Lab: An Exploration of the Stars, Moon and a Laser Show

Grant Amount: \$13,100

## 1) Objectives:

Continued performances for non-profit organizations.

To increase the number of organizations that participate in Star Lab performances.

In addition to a new dome and projector, I will purchase additional materials that will allow the creation of new lessons.

To find one or two mentors who have interest in learning how to teach and run the Star Lab. This would add to the amount of shows.



#### **Outcomes:**

Taught the Star Lab to: Hemingway Elementary, Big Wood Preschool, Kinder Welt Preschool, Higher Ground Camps, CSI, The Community Library and the WRWF.

Participants were able to see the stars, constellations, Native American constellations, Greek constellations, the moon, and the laser show more precisely.

Hemingway is becoming a STEAM school (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) and is adding sixth grade. I plan on getting a cylinder that the sixth graders can use as a studying tool. Students can go into the Star Lab independently to do research.

I am hopeful that I have found someone who I can mentor in order to teach and run the Star Lab. I am also looking to find some sixth graders next year who have a passion for space to help teach the Star Lab.

"Wow, It's so much bigger than last year!", "It's so dark inside!", "Look at the stars!", "I love it!", "Can I come in again!", "This is the coolest thing ever!" These are some of the quotes I heard multiple times when

students were in the Star Lab. The impact of having a new Star Lab was immense. With the darker dome and the brighter projector, it was so much easier to see the stars and the constellations. It was also easier for me to teach for a variety of reasons. The projector worked every time meaning I didn't have to jiggle it to get the lights working. The sidelights worked on the new projector, so it was easier for participants to enter and exit and it was also easier for me to change cylinders. The new Star Lab made it much more meaningful and enjoyable!

Expenses	Total Amount Received from WRWCF	Actual Expenditures
	\$13,100	
Star Lab Cost (Includes dome, projector, fan, two cylinders and shipping)		\$12,250
Blaine County Education Foundation 5%		\$655
Shipping Cost - to ship original Star Lab dome, projector and one cylin- der back for a discount on the new one		\$195
		Total Spent: \$13,100

Organization: Higher Ground Sun Valley, Inc.

**Project Title:** Mainstreaming at Camp Project in Collaboration with the BCRD

Grant Amount: \$5,900

## **Objectives and Outcomes**

Going into the Mainstreaming at Camp (MAC) project, Higher Ground (HG) and Blaine County Recreation District (BCRD) staff anticipated serving approximately 15 children with high-functioning cognitive disabilities. By the end of summer, we had served 20 children through the MAC program, successfully integrating these children into an integrated summer camp experience. The majority of the kids had transitioned from Higher Ground summer recreation programs, and graduated into this integrated environment. Overall, parents, counselors, and participants were satisfied with the program and witnessed pro-



gress socially, mentally, and physically among the children who were a part of MAC.

This new initiative that addressed an underserved population during the summer months also presented an unforeseen challenge, in that there is another population of children in the Wood River Valley who are not receiving program opportunities during the summer months. Kids with emotional and behavior disturbances currently do not integrate well into the MAC model, and they also exceed the typical scope of the Higher Ground summer programs. Following the close of MAC in August 2016, Higher Ground staff initiated conversations with local summer resources to fill this existing gap in services for a vulnerable Blaine County youth population.

### **Impact**

The MAC program had three primary impact results, including individual participant growth, disability awareness, and addressing community needs. MAC participants were able to successfully interact with their able-bodied peers; the children met daily progress goals, including initiating conversations, participating in field trips, and engaging in new activities. These objectives facilitated the kids' increased independence, greater self-confidence, and relationship development.

Disability awareness is an important outcome of this unique project. Through MAC, the participants with disabilities were accepted into an integrated environment, where they were able to recreate at the same level as

their peers. This enabled understanding and tolerance among the kids without disabilities.

Finally, MAC provided a summer camp opportunity for children in the Wood River Valley who otherwise may not be able to participate in a traditional camp environment. This subsequently aided the families and helped the kids achieve a healthier, more fulfilling quality of life.

	Mainstreaming at Camp Project	Project Budget, July 2016 to June 2017		
	Expenses	Total Project Expenses	Amount Requested	Actual Ex- penditures
•	Salary and Benefits	\$ 107,023	\$ 20,000	\$5,900
	Contract Services	\$ 3,600		
	Transportation for youth	\$ 4,100		-
	Supplies	\$ 6,850		
	Marketing	\$ 1,300		
	Credit Card & Database Fees	\$ 3,127		
L	Communication	\$ 830		
	TOTAL EXPENSES	126,830	20,000	5,900

**Organization**: Hospice and Palliative Care of the Wood River Valley

Project Title: Building Repair

**Grant Amount:** \$14,000

## **OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES:**

The funds requested were used to repair the unsafe entry steps to the hospice building, repaint the interior, improve lighting, re-carpet, install window shades, and replace office furniture. The improvements have allowed for staff to have better lighting over work spaces, improving visibility during the win-

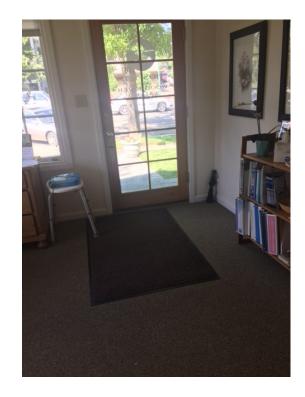
ter months when the natural light recedes earlier. Our new and safe steps have provided surer footing for numerous individuals who are mobility impaired that visit our building. The updated space are now comfortable areas to do charting, pay bills, answer phones, check email, and numerous day to day activities.

### **IMPACT:**

The improvements directly impact the functionality of the office space for staff, volunteers, and community members. We have had numerous families and individuals comment on how light and bright our space is now which in turn makes people feel more welcomed. Through these grant funds we created a supportive environment for both those we serve and our staff. Our office space reflects caring, comfort, and professionalism. For our staff, they now have a space to work comfortably, that reduces any stress and reflects an organizational philosophy of caring about their well-being. In the words of one of our nurses the space is now "refreshing and recharging".



Expenses	Amount Request-	Actual Ex-
	ed from WRWCR	penditures
Lighting	\$680	\$680
Blinds	\$350.86	\$350.86
Office Furniture Chairs	\$377.99	\$377.99
Office Furniture Desk	\$356.37	\$356.37
Interior Paint	\$4585	\$4585
Exterior Step Repair	\$4463.08	\$4890.14
Carpet	\$3023.14	\$3023.14
Clean after the updates	\$600	0
Total	\$14,436.44	\$14,263.5



## Little Wood River Library

# New Library

Grant Amount: \$20,000

The long range goal of our project is to create a warm, welcoming space that adults and children will want to spend time in, while fostering a love of reading. We hope it will increase the amount of people that visit the library and the amount of books that are available.

We also hope to be able to provide opportunities for community activities such as increasing the amount of children that attend story time and the summer reading programs.

May 15<sup>th</sup> we had all of the school children grades K-12 come help us move the books and shelves. They helped us for an hour and a half and were able to get almost everything moved. We had a homeschool group and preschoolers come to help also. Later that day we had several youth come back after school to help us start putting books on shelves. Many days after school we had students come back to help organize and shelf books. One day I heard one of the girls exclaim, "I just want to read all of these books!"





	Amount	Amount	
ltem	Requested	Used	
Plumbing	1000	1000	
Moving of the Building	5000	5000	
Heating System	1500	0	Donated labor & parts from Jon's Heating and Air
Paint	200	0	Donated as an Eagle Scout project by Porter Mecham
Carpet Shampoo, window replacement, blinds	400	260	
Shelving	2000	6000	Used some of the landscaping money to buy more shelves
Landscape	6500	1500	Flagstone for our entire project was donated anonymously
Sidewalks & Ramp	1000	3000	Used some of the landscaping money to extend sidewalk
Construction Material for circulation desk	400	240	Purchased a desk
Books	2000	1000	Several boxes of books have been donated
Flooring	0	2000	Purchased flooring with amount saved on donated items
			and a \$2000 gift from the 100 men group
	20000	20000	

Organization: NAMI – Wood River Valley, Inc.

Project Title: Sustainability, Marketing & Office Equipment Upgrade

Grant Amount: \$25,000

## **Project Description**

The local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in the Wood River Valley (hereinafter NAMI-WRV) is seeking a total of \$25,000 in one-time funds to partially fund the sustainability and growth of our organization by hiring a Fundraising & Marketing Director, and upgrading our office equipment to include a new laptop computer with software upgrade, desktop computer with software update, and color printer/copier with finisher in our office suite. The new equipment will be networked with our existing desktop computer, and network maintenance services will be contracted. The networked color printer/copier with stapling, hole-punching, and folding finisher will not only be used by NAMI-WRV but will be shared by our subtenants, Girls on the Run of Wood River Valley and Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and the Hawaiian Islands



# **Impact**

Capacity Building and Sustainability

We hired Christina Cernansky as a Marketing and Fundraising Director. Christina is skilled in community outreach, and is successfully "upgrading" our community presence, as she develops positive relationships with the YMCA, Wood River Women's Foundation, Higher Ground, Blaine County Senior Connections, Idaho Commission on Aging, and other organizations that benefit those living with mental illness. Christina is a valuable member of the Fundraising & Marketing committee, taking a leading role in developing and coordinating our current project, the "5B Open Swing Fore Recovery," a golf tournament at Elkhorn Golf Club. Christina is also writing a monthly NAMI Newsletter, developing an integrated database, and keeping our NAMI-WRV website current. We invite you to browse our updated website, <a href="https://www.nami-wrv.com">www.nami-wrv.com</a>.

#### Office Equipment Upgrade

<u>Networked Computer System</u>: The Dell Workstation/desktop computer, Dell laptop computer, DFF 2220 Firewall/router were purchased and are now working smoothly, providing efficient work stations for staff, board, and contractors.

Currently three people work in the office together, a functionality that was not possible before this upgrade. Work flow and productivity have been noticeably enhanced.

Fisher Technology supplies monthly maintenance and on-call support.

Networked High-Functioning Copier/Printer: The Konica Minolta Bizhub was purchased and Fisher Technology provides maintenance and support. This printer/copier is networked with our office "suite-mates," sub lessors *Girls on the Run* and *Planned Parenthood*. All three entities are able to use the printer/copier/scanner functions to produce professional-quality products at much lower per/page costs.

We produced large, full-color marketing posters and printed materials for the "5 B Swing Fore Recovery" at minimal cost on the new Konica Minolta Bizhub printer. Our monthly Board packets and our upcoming Annual General Meeting Board reports are being printed and collated by this printer as well.

#### Conclusion

NAMI-WRV is in a much better place now to face the challenges of the year ahead. Our Board of Directors and new staff members are grateful to the Wood River Women's Foundation. We are all enjoying our expanded ability to extend our outreach through printed materials, posters, and flyers. With our networked computers and in-house ability to print, we have an energized and collaborative work environment. This greatly helps us support people living with mental illness in the Wood River Valley.

EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES
Contract Services: IT & service, parts, toner, for 1 year	\$6,078	\$1,439 (YTD Aug 30)
Computers, Network (hardware). Copier	\$18,297	\$18,591
Software: 1 year subscription Office 365	\$720	\$720
TOTALS	\$25,095	\$20,750

Organization: Rotarun Ski Club

**Project Title:** LASAR – After School Learn to Alpine Ski and Race Program for Children

Grant Amount: \$7,000

**Objectives & Outcomes** Learn-to-Alpine-Ski-And-Race (LASAR) Program is an after school program for children ages 5 to 11 at all skier ability levels. LASAR teaches skiing techniques, including turning, balance, and body positioning, ski racing skills and team building strategies. Rotarun has partnered with Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation (SVSEF) to provide their proprietary education program and coaching staff and to be mentors for the children so that the kids have a fun, social, and safe environment in which to learn how to ski

70 kids started the program 58 kids finished

Consistent coaches 9-11 every time with a 5-7 kids per session

Added Friday night training session that was staffed for additional programing for upper programs on SVSEF that would not get another day of training

SVSEF opened the night training to all general public that wanted to learn to ski through courses.

**Impact** – The LASAR program provided almost a thousand skier days.

Many kids went from skiing for the first time to being able to ski off the top of the mountain

If they can ski from the top of Rotarun they can ski anywhere on baldy

The number of kids that started and finished was almost the same number of kids and that comes from SVSEF providing a great motivated progression

Our total skier count for the season was 1442 and LASAR was 983.

It has become clear that the participation that makes Rotarun a community asset is the kids learn to ski program.

Expenses	Total LASAR Expenses	Amount Requested from WRWF
Salary & Benefits	\$16,550	\$3,948
Contract Services	\$495	\$118
Occupancy	\$2,320	\$553
Insurance	\$3,960	\$945
On-Mountain Equipment	\$4,950	\$1181
Administration	\$1,073	\$255
Total	\$29,348	\$7,000

**Organization:** Sun Valley Summer Symphony **Project Title:** Instrument Bank Project Phase 1

Grant Amount: \$10,000

## 1) Objectives & Outcomes

Over seventy students registered for the program this year, that was nearly double last year's enrollment. This alone speaks to the interest in learning to play a string instrument! Over two-thirds of the students remained in the program the entire year which is slightly higher than the past year. Demographically, the split between Hispanic and Anglo students was nearly 50/50 which was in alignment with our goal of reaching students of different backgrounds. All the instruments purchased were loaned out and we assisted two students with finding scholarships to rent instruments that we were unable to loan them.

An unexpected challenge was managing the larger than expected enrollment. To facilitate a more efficient classroom, we enlisted high school students to serve as mentors and assistants. Sixteen high school students contributed nearly 400 hours as volunteer mentors. Next year we intend to include mentor training as a part of the program.

Video "interviews" conducted with Elementary Strings students yielded insight into the program. Students enjoyed the camaraderie and excitement of working as a group with friends. Technical progress was demonstrated at a final, informal, recital for families at the end of the school year. Students demonstrated techniques they learned and played two songs. Over 100 parents and family members attended the performance.



# 2) Impact

Seventy beginning string students would challenge the most seasoned instructor! Ellen Sanders, our primary instructor for the Elementary Strings Program, learned and invented multiple strategies to manage such a large group. One of the largest areas of impact was with the student mentors, or deputies, as Ellen called them. The younger children looked up to the older players and looked forward to working with them. Mentor surveys at the end of the year provided insight and ideas for improvement for next year. Mentors said they "liked learn-

ing through teaching" and "getting to know the younger children". Others enjoyed being able to have a leadership role and were flattered when the young students appreciated them.

About twelve to fifteen students signed up for our Summer Strings Program to keep their skills sharp and some are planning to attend our Summer Music Institute. This is more than double the usual numbers for summer, so we are confident that many will continue to play their instrument in the fall.



Expenses	Amount requested from WRWCF	Actual Expenditures
Instrument Purchase	10,000	8,655
Teaching Materials/books		408
Instrument maint/repair		1,000*
TOTAL	10,000	10,063

# The Hunger Coalition & The Community Library

Project Title: Bloom Truck: Mobile Lunch & Library Grant Amount: \$18,100

## **Objectives & Outcomes**

#1: The Hunger Coalition will provide 6,270 lunches to underserved youth in the identified neighborhoods.

In its pilot season, we served over 2,000 meals and learned a valuable lesson about our target populations. We served far fewer children, and therefore fewer lunches, in The Meadows than originally forecasted. After some field research, we discovered the time of day and mistrust of an unfamiliar service resulted in lower numbers. We adjusted the program to better address the needs of this sensitive population and built relationships in the neighborhood. These efforts are proving effective, with our 2017 numbers being much higher in The Meadows than last summer.

The other Bloom locations met expected numbers and the food and activities provided were received with joy!

#2: The Hunger Coalition will engage a minimum of four additional local organizations to participate in the education activities calendar.

The Hunger Coalition engaged 18 community partners

#3: The Library will increase participation in the Summer Reading Program by 15% (25 children) specifically children from lower economic brackets.

The Community Library assigned 172 new library cards

#4: The Library will distribute books to approximately 175 children

The Community Library checked out over 1,559 books to over 170 children

# **Impact**

Before your investment in Bloom Truck, children in isolated neigh-

borhoods of Blaine County had a very different summer experience from their peers. Sadly, summer isn't fun when others head off to summer camp and you're left behind, feeling removed from your classmates and worrying about how to feed yourself.

Your generosity changed how disadvantaged youth experience the summer. Children like Erik who once watched Bloom from a distance, reluctant to trust, are now excited to check out books and learn something new from the day's activity partner. Erik said "my favorite day last summer was when the [Sturtevant's Limelight Hotel] Bike Team came to my house and taught me how to repair my bike. I even got a free helmet!" With your support, children in these once neglected neighborhoods are now enjoying the same opportunities to grow and thrive alongside their peers.



Expenses	Amount Requested from WRWF	Actual Expenditures
Salary and Benefits	\$1,555	\$12,399
Travel	250	816
Supplies	250	515
Marketing	125	197
Other— Food	16,000	7754
TOTAL	\$18180	\$21681

**Organization:** The Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

**Project Title:** Domestic Violence Housing First Program

**Grant Amount:** \$25,000

# 1) Objectives & Outcomes

The Domestic Violence Housing First Program (DVHF) focuses on getting survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault into safe and stable housing as quickly as possible as well as maintaining existing safe housing. Our long-range goal is to increase survivor's sense of safety and well-being while decreasing survivor's program support needs from The Advocates as their lives become more stable and happy.

Over the last eleven months, 36 women and 73 children received DVHF flexible funding with grants ranging from \$35-\$3,000 with the average being \$605. Most requests related directly to housing such as rent or utilities. During the grant period, The Advocates' transitional housing apartments were 100% occupied and eight women and eight children housed.

We recently conducted an in-person and phone survey with all participants with a 70% response rate. The results are as follows:

	PROGRAM OBJECTIVE	OUTCOME
1	Shorten time that domestic violence survivors wait for stable housing.	Wait time for housing was not shortened primarily due to the shortage of affordable housing in our community.
2	Compared to intake/program entry, program participants' needs will decrease following housing stability	97% of program participants reported their needs decreased following housing stability
3	At least 80% of program participants will report an increase in their overall sense of well-being	97% reported an increase in their overall sense of well-being.
4	At least 80% of program participants will report an increase in their sense of safety.	100% reported an increase in their sense of safety.
5	Twenty-eight adults and 16 children will benefit from transitional housing, flexible funding and/or matched savings accounts elements of DVHF.	Forty-four women and 81 children benefitted from DVHF transitional housing and flexible funding program.

The impact of the DVHF program is remarkable and the demand significant. The program enabled 21 women and 31 children to leave abusive situations and 22 women and 49 children to maintain safe stable housing. One woman scored a 7 out of 7 on our risk assessment, meaning she was at the highest risk of being killed by her abuser. She needed money for first and last month's rent and a security deposit within three days. She was employed full-time and could afford the ongoing rent but she could not come up with that initial lump sum. The DVHF program provided the money for her to move immediately. In a follow-up conversation with her she said the financial assistance "completely changed my life around. I did a 360". DVHF literally saves lives and breaks the cycle of violence by giving survivors of abuse a way to get out.

WRWF funds were used 100% for the Flexible Financial Assistance as that was the area of highest need and greatest impact.

Expenses	Amount requested from WRWF	Actual Expenditures
Salary and Benefits	7,000	0
Occupancy		0
	3,000	
Flexible Financial Assis-		
tance	12,000	25.000
Matched Savings Accounts	3,000	0
TOTAL	25,000	25,000