



## Final Grant Report / Only Kindness Inc

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GRANT TITLE: Only Kindness Homelessness Prevention

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GRANT AMOUNT: \$30,000.00

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### **PART I: PROGRAM NARRATIVE** *(not to exceed 4 pages)*

1. List the goals and objectives of the project/program followed by the progress made toward achieving each goal and objective.

The objectives for this project were 1) to prevent homelessness and 2) to ease crisis situations by providing bridge funding to shelter a homeless family or individual who had accessed housing but for whom the housing was not yet available.

Some of the participants are stable and will sustain safe housing. For those households that are still struggling with stability, we are working with the Enhanced Care Management funds to provide ongoing assistance until sustainable stability is realized.

2. What difference did this grant make in your community and for the population you are serving? Please provide specific outcome results and/or data to support your impact (e.g. age groups, number of *unduplicated* clients, ethnic populations, etc.)

With only this funding, seven households were assisted with homelessness prevention and temporary housing. These households represented two families, two elderly women, two elderly Veterans and one Veteran Families.

With this and other leveraged funding for this project, we provided 58 instances of assistance for 33 households. These households represent three Veteran families, three Veteran women, one transgender individual and 26 Veteran men, many elderly. Most of the project participants are Caucasian, and there was a small percentage of Hispanic households.

3. Did you meet any unexpected challenges during the project/program? If so, how did you handle them?

There were huge challenges in finding and accessing affordable housing in El Dorado County. We did not expect it to take so long to find appropriate housing nor did we expect it to take as long as it did for participants to stabilize. For the first challenge of finding housing or retaining housing, our incredible Only Kindness team advocated, advocated and advocated some more for project participants with landlords and property owners. They built relationships with the landlords and property managers so that our project was trusted and our clients were assisted.

For the second challenge of long-term stability, we did spend more than we expected on single households. In addition, we worked intensely with other service providers to access other programs and funding sources like Emergency Housing Vouchers and VASH. Lastly, we are working with a new service provider, Enhanced Care Plans, to transition any households that we served but which did not stabilize to their housing programs.

4. Describe lessons learned. What would you do differently?

The primary lesson learned is that it is taking longer to stabilize a household at risk of losing their home and longer for a homeless household who has received a housing voucher or similar resource to access their actual home. The only thing we really could do differently is have more funding to help participants for longer periods of time.

5. Has this grant helped a) attract new funds? Or b) increase volunteer involvement? If so, how? Quantify as feasible.

We do believe that this funding and this project has impacted the decision making of funding sources at the higher levels. As the new Enhanced Care Plans step into housing and homelessness, we were able to make a good case for them to allocate some of their funding toward homelessness prevention. Additionally, the El Dorado County Continuum of Care allocated some of their funding toward homelessness prevention, and new Requests for Proposals are being disseminated to community service providers to offer these services.

6. Please provide at least one success story from the project/program that was a direct result of the WFED's funding. Stories do not need to be lengthy (250 words or less is typically sufficient) and should be written in third person. Please feel free to attach pictures.

Sarah (not her real name) lost her two sons in a drunk driving accident. She became a motivational speaker and shared her story with teenagers and young adults around the country, but in the end, she says, the loss broke her heart. And one strange day, she just walked away from all she knew and began to live on the streets and forests of El Dorado County.

Sarah was a responsible homeless person. She tent-camped and carried out her trash. She respected private property. She found services that helped with food and cleanliness.

But after a decade without safe shelter, Sarah was close to 60, had contracted Covid-19 and was experiencing chronic heart problems. She swallowed her pride and reached out to Only Kindness.

Because of the Women’s Fund funding, we were able to provide temporary housing for several months while the Only Kindness team helped her access her benefits and find long-term housing. Which they did. Sarah was able to move into one of the few affordable housing complexes in our community, and she has a safe, forever home.



Thank you Only Kindness and  
The Women’s Fund!

***“The struggle is finally over.  
You helped me find my way HOME.”***

## **PART II: PROGRAM BUDGET**

1. Please provide a copy of your approved budget, a list of actual expenditures of the Women’s Fund El Dorado grant funds during the project/program, and an explanation of any differences. **The expectation is that the WFED award amount and the budget reported will be the same.** (If a portion of your grant remains unexpended, please contact the Women’s Fund prior to submitting your final report.) Please use the Excel spreadsheet Line Item Budget template provided.

PROGRAM/PROJECT					
Line Item Budget					
Grant Title:		Only Kindness Homelessness Prevention			
Name of Person Preparing Budget Report:		Jennifer LaForce			
A. Original Grant Budget Submitted:		30,000			
B. Grant Amount Approved*		30,000	<i>* if different than original grant submittal</i>		
C. Interim Expense Report:		Start Date:	6/1/2022	End Date:	12/31/2022
D. Final Expense Report:		Start Date:	6/1/2022	End Date:	5/31/2023
		A	B	C	D
Line	Grant Income*	Original Budget	Approved WFED Grant Budget	Interim Report	Final Report
1	Women's Fund El Dorado	30,000	30,000	15,000	30,000
<i>* report only income &amp; expenditures related directly to Women's Fund Grant Funding</i>					
		A	B	C	D
Line	Grant Expenditures**	Original Budget	Approved WFED Grant Budget	Interim Report (expense to date)	Final Report
2	Staff salaries and wages				
3	Fringe benefits				
4	Occupancy and utilities	-			
5	Equipment	-			
6	Supplies and materials	-			
7	Printing and copying	-			
8	Telecommunications	-			
9	Travel and meetings	-			
10	Marketing and advertising	-			
11	Staff and volunteer training				
12	Contract services	-			
13	Miscellaneous	-			
14	Other (Direct services, rents)	30,000	30,000	14,965	15,035
15	Other	-			
16	Total Expenditures (equals revenue line 1 except for Interim Report)	30,000	30,000	14,965	15,035

2. How will this project/program be sustained in the future?

Only Kindness is exploring new funding sources for Homelessness Prevention offered by the El Dorado County Continuum of Care. Even if this new source is not deemed appropriate, Only Kindness continues to collaborate and work closely with other service providers who have homelessness prevention resources and the new Enhanced Care Plans which also have homelessness prevention funding.