



FINAL GRANT REPORT

Grantee:

The Center for Violence-Free Relationships

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Submitted by:

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Grant Title:

Transportation Assistance

Award Date:

01 July 2016

Award Amount:

\$5000

Final Report Dated:

31 January 2018

Part 1: Program Narrative

Introduction

The Center for Violence-Free Relationships (The Center) submitted an application in April 2016 with a proposal for partnering with Uber to provide transportation to clients who have experienced domestic violence and sexual assault transportation assistance to attend counseling, groups, and other services. The Women's Fund of El Dorado (WFED) recognized the need for assistance and awarded \$5000 with a grant period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017.

Project Summary and Objectives

The initial grant funded a partnership between The Center and Uber. After months of negotiation with Uber, it became apparent that they were not able to effectively partner with The Center. These obstacles consisted of a change of service management with Uber, Uber's inability to develop and implement a confidential billing agreement, lack of drivers for the service area, and increased safety and re-victimization issues for our client population due to the result of reported sexual assault and sexualized behavior allegations from Uber drivers in the media. On February 28, 2017, representatives from The Center met with members of the Women's Fund of El Dorado Grants Committee to discuss progress and obstacles. At that time, it was determined that funding from the grant could be utilized for bus passes, taxi fares, funding/cash for gas, and vehicle repairs and maintenance due to the obstacles mentioned above regarding Uber. Furthermore, due to the nearly six month delay as a result of the failed partnership with Uber, a request was submitted to extend the grant period until December 31, 2017.

The initial grant application proposed that 30 roundtrip rides would be provided per month for a total of 360 round trips for the grant period.

Results

From July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017, 124 unduplicated clients and their dependent minor children received transportation support and assistance through gas purchases, bus fare, taxi service, and vehicle maintenance and repairs. The use of gas cards and assistance with minor maintenance repairs was an efficient and productive use of funds. There was an increase in independence and ability to make multiple roundtrips and access to needed support and services in lieu of the original plan to partner with Uber. Providing minor vehicle repairs and

maintenance resulted in a solution to a number of clients' transportation issues. It is estimated that through the use of gas cards and vehicle maintenance, over 600 roundtrips were provided to clients and their children. Often an individual and their children fleeing domestic violence have relied on the person causing harm for stable transportation, lack the means to repair vehicles due to low income, and limited financial resources exacerbated by an absent or ineffective support system. Additional obstacles and barriers are present within a rural community environment and the limited public transport system servicing El Dorado County.

Because clients were provided assistance with transportation challenges and barriers, clients became empowered, experienced a reduction in a related stress that often forces them no other options than to return to the person that has been causing harm, and were able to seek and obtain healthy independence.

A client with children had successfully fled the abuser and was safely residing in Georgetown. Despite being gainfully employed, it was becoming increasingly difficult for the client and her children to make frequent trips to Placerville to attend counseling and receive the necessary support services due to the impact on her limited budget and reduction in financial resources once leaving the abuser. Through the transportation grant, the client was able to attend counseling and attend the required court appearances. Both she and the children completed counseling and report improved well-being now that they no longer fear living in an abusive household. Additionally, they have gained the tools and understanding of the dynamics of healthy relationships and have begun to heal. Furthermore, she petitioned and was awarded full custody of her children. The client expressed her sincere gratitude for the transportation support she received that made this come to fruition.

On behalf of the 124 clients and their children that have benefited from your support that resulted in over 600 roundtrips to counseling and related services for victims for domestic violence and sexual assault, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the members of The Women's Fund of El Dorado. Your support of our efforts made it possible to provide a pathway for clients to transition from victim to survivor, and, enable them to be productive members of the community.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julia Hackett, MA

Director of Client Services

PROGRAM/PROJECT

Line Item Budget

Grant Title:	Transportation			
Name of Person Preparing Budget Report:	Julia Hackett			
A. Original Grant Budget Submitted:	5,000			
B. Grant Amount Approved*	5,000	<i>* if different than original grant submittal</i>		
C. Interim Expense Report:	Start Date:	7/1/2016	End Date:	6/30/2017
D. Final Expense Report:	Start Date:	7/1/2016	End Date:	12/31/2017

		A	B	C	D
Line	Revenue*	Original Budget	Approved Grant Budget	Interim Report	Final Report
1	Women's Fund El Dorado	5,000	5,000	2,182	5,000

** report only expenditures for Women's Fund Grant - not local organization contribution*

		A	B	C	D
Line	Grant Expenditures**	Original Budget	Approved Grant Budget	Interim Report (expense to date)	Final Report
2	Contracted Services with Uber	5,000	5,000	-	-
3	Direct Client Service Expenditures:	-	-	-	-
4	Gas Assistance	-	-	1,650	3,075
5	Bus Fare	-	-	89	469
6	Taxi Service Fare	-	-	410	458
7	Maintenance and Repairs	-	-	-	939
8	Miscellaneous-DMV	-	-	33	33
9		-	-		
10		-	-		
11					
12				-	-
13		-	-		
14		-	-		
15		-	-		
16	Total Expenditures (equals revenue line 1 except for Interim Report)	5,000	5,000	2,182	4,974

*** Not all categories of expenditures may pertain to your proposal*