

**2020-21 Caring Community Grants Year-End Review**

Presented to SHD Board of Directors

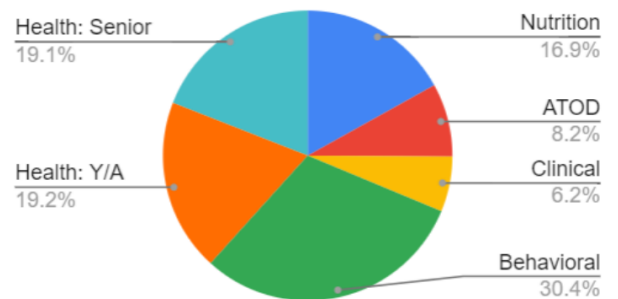
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**I. Introduction:**

This report summarizes numeric outcomes of the 2020-21 Caring Community grants. The Caring Community grants program supported 56 grants totaling \$3 million (which was increased from the \$2.6 million granted in the previous 2019-20 grant cycle).

Priority Areas	Amount funded
Food Security & Nutrition	\$508,000
Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs	\$245,000
Behavioral Services	\$913,000
Health: Youth & Adults	\$577,000
Health: Seniors	\$572,000
Clinical/Medical Services	\$185,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>

**% of Categorical Funding**



**II. Scoring Process**

Similar to the mid-year reports, the final reports were scored on a 35-point scale. Each report (with very few exceptions) was read by two scorers and an average score was compiled (a list of scores can be provided upon request). As anticipated, the majority received favorable scores. Reports of less than 30-point average were flagged for conversation.

**III. CC Grant Outcomes and COVID-19 Impacts**

It must be noted that application process for the 2020-21 grants cycle started in January 2020 prior to the emerging Covid-19 pandemic and the grants were awarded without the grantees knowing the full effect and length of the pandemic. Thus, the proposals submitted outlined pre-COVID-19 service targets and outcomes which did not take into account potential impacts of the pandemic. Unsurprisingly, many agencies had to adjust and re-adjust their service targets and outcomes along with their methodologies and service delivery.

As a result of the unforeseen variables and extension of Shelter-in-Place, the grant outcomes were mixed: Some of grantees have met the challenge and actually increased their services, thus exceeding their proposed clients served. Of the 56 grantees, 17 grantees (30%) met and/or exceeded their proposed service targets while the remaining 39 grantees (70%) saw a reduction of clients served. However, please keep in mind that the number of clients served is only one measure out of many of programmatic success. Overall, our grantees served over 27,000 district residents collectively. While this is down from the 33,000 served in the 2019-20 grant cycle, this easily number can be explained by that COVID-19 only affected the last quarter of the 2019-20 grant cycle whereas the pandemic affected the entire 2020-21 cycle. Anecdotally, traditional in-person service providers were having difficulties with meeting client outcomes due to closure or reduced capacity. Many moved to online platform but then had to contend with client Zoom fatigue.

Still, even with these challenges, the majority of grantees earned positive scores from our grants committee (a list of average scores can be provided upon request). Similar to the mid-year reports, each end-year report was scored and read with a 35-point rubric. We will definitely share the feedback from our grants committee to organizations that are struggling and will monitor them closely in the 2021-22 grant cycle.

#### **IV. COVID-19 Grants Update**

When the Shelter-in-Place mandates were issued in mid-March of 2020, SHD proactively responded to the pandemic with a new Covid-19 grants program in the following month of April. We pivoted quickly in order to offer additional funds to 2019-20 grantees. So, on top of the monies granted to grantees through the regular grants program, SHD was concurrently running a parallel Covid emergency grants program which provided Covid funding to our grantees at large. (A report of our Covid grants was given in December 2020 summarizing Round 1 grants totaling \$500,000 from fiscal year 2019-20 and Round 2 grants totaling \$215,000 starting fiscal year July, 2021).

In summary, for the fiscal 2020-21 year (July 1-June 30), we awarded \$432,000 in Covid emergency grants to 23 of our grantees between Round 2 and Round 3. To clarify, this amount only covers ad-hoc approved emergency grants and not Board-approved community-at-large grants.

Round 3 Covid-grants (which covered January 1-June 30, 2021) are as listed:

Agency	Emergency amount recommended	How many SHD residents will be served?	Area addressed	SHD Clients served
Friends for Youth	\$20,000	125	salaries, e-mentoring, supplies	122
PCRC	\$40,000	1500	staff salaries	1500
Vista Center	\$25,000	100	staff salaries, non-virtual services	169
Health Connected	<\$25000>		loan forgiveness	4215
PV Rosener House	\$20,000	61	Salary and technology equipment	109
LifeMoves	\$50,000	264	Food, PPE, supplies, incentive pay	279
Rebuilding Together Peninsula	\$22,000	20	contractors, materials and supplies, admin	42
One Life	\$40,000	2500	Spanish speaking counselor	550

These 8 Covid emergency grants served 7,000 SHD residents. Altogether, more than 26,000 residents were served by Covid grants alone in the 2020-21 fiscal year.

#### IV. Versaic Update

We recently transitioned to a new Versaic customer representative who will be handling our account and working to implement a new scoring feature in the next grant cycle. We also successfully rolled in the grant agreement upload feature whereby all grant recipients can upload signed grant agreement directly in the portal which was only previously tested and used by HSI grants. Moving forward, we may be exploring moving to 2-year grant cycles for returning grantees and 1-year probationary cycles for all new grantees in order to increase efficiency and reduce redundancies in the scoring process which is rather labor and time-intensive.