City of Lawrence Social Service Agency Bi-annual Report 2012

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Casey Toomay, Budget Manger at ctoomay@lawrenceks.org. Reports on activities from January to June are due on July 15th. Reports on activities from July through December are due on February 15th.

Agency Name: Ballard Community Services (Emergency Services Council)

1. Give a <u>brief</u> narrative of the activities that were funded with City funds over the reporting period checked above.

Funding to support ESC was included in the 2012 City of Lawrence Social Service Agency funding allocation on the line "Ballard Community Center". ESC provides rent and utility assistance for Lawrence residents who are in imminent danger of being evicted or having essential utility services disconnected. ESC focuses on cases where short term help can continue an overall pattern of self sufficiency for the individual or family. These cases include families trying to maintain long-term housing and elderly on fixed incomes facing a one-time utility assistance need. Intake workers at ESC agencies work directly with clients to complete applications and obtain the required documentation. Required documentation includes a disconnection notice or eviction notice, photo ID, social security or tax identification number for household members and proof of income level. ESC is a collaborative effort between Ballard Community Services (BCS) and partner agencies, including the Salvation Army, ECKAN, Willow Domestic Violence Center, and Douglas County Senior Services.

Provide specific detail (and supportive documents, if needed) to demonstrate progress made toward your goals/objectives.

In the first six months of 2012, ESC has served 127 households totaling 344 individuals with an average household size of about 2.70. The average monthly income of those being served is approximately \$870 and the average monthly rent is approximately \$520.

3. How have you impacted the citizens of Lawrence?

If not funded, many of the ESC clients will face homelessness and/or other hardships caused from the loss of utilities. In the 30-day follow up survey, 100% of respondents reported they were able to maintain their residency, 100% reported they were able to keep their utilities on and 79% of program participants reported their housing situation as stable since receiving the assistance. In the 60-day follow up survey, 89% reported they were able to maintain their residency, 83% reported they were able to keep their utilities on and 71% of program participants reported their housing situation as stable. In the 180-day follow up survey response, 100% reported they were able to maintain their residency, 71% reported they were able to keep their utilities on and 57% of program participants reported their housing situation as stable.

4. What barriers, if any, have you encountered?

To date in 2012, new funding sources to support the ESC program have not been secured, although new grant sources continue to be explored to support the program.

5. Review the line-item budget you provided in your application. How much of your allocation has been spent?

2012 Social Service Agency Allocation: ESC - Rent and Utility Assistance: \$7,500

2012 Social Service Agency Expenditures as of June 30: ESC - Rent and Utility Assistance \$3,197

Total 2012 ESC Expenditures as of June 30, all sources: ESC - Rent and Utility Assistance \$21,635