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: Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence				
Reporting period:	x□ January - June (deadline July 15)	☐ July - December (deadline February 15)		

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

Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence continues to provide a safe place for Lawrence youth. The programs and activities are designed to engage every student and are age appropriate. Each day students walk through a Boys & Girls Club program, they are greeted by caring adults who are trained in youth development, program planning and discipline management.

Boys & Girls Club program not only provide a place for youth to go during out of school hours but also provide a place for youth to work on their homework with certified teachers and trained volunteers. Academic lessons are carried throughout every activity that takes place at the same time the youth are having fun. The partnership with the Lawrence Public School District allows Boys & Girls Club staff to utilize several resources when planning and carrying out academic activities.

Activities are planned around five core areas; character & leadership, education & career, health & life skills, sports, fitness & recreation, and the arts. Community partners provide an important resource and assist in providing the youth with a well rounded experience. The partners create and deliver programs the youth might not get to experience otherwise.

By delivering well-rounded programs, Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence provides members with the resources, behaviors and life skills necessary to prevent them from becoming victims of substance abuse.

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

Process Outcome #1: As a result of providing, a safe haven through after school programs, during 2012 Boys & Girls Club will provide 3,000 children (minimum 1,200 per day) with after school programs at 10 sites, with transportation from an additional five elementary schools and four middle schools. These sites will provide 175 days of after school programming from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and 54 days out-of-school programming from 7:30-6:00 p.m. Numbers served are tracked using Vison, a member tracking software, and through the Boys & Girls Club annual report.

Progress: From January 1, 2012 through June 30th 2012 Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence has enrolled 1976 youth at 12 sites.

The average daily attendance during the school year at all 12 location combined was 1053 youth per day. The hours of operation at each location varied based on the needs of the parents. Each site is open 175 days throughout the school year for before and after school programming.

The Boys & Girls Club operated five summer locations from June 2012 through July 30th 2012 the average daily attendance at five summer locations was 515 youth per day. The Program opened at 7:30am and closed 6:00pm.

Process Outcome #2: During 2012, a minimum of 800 children ages 6-15 will receive life skills and prevention education through the SMART programs. Numbers served are tracked using Vision, a member tracking software, and the Boys & Girls Club annual report.

Progress: January to June 2012, 825 youth participated in life skills and prevention education through the SMART programs.

Behavioral Outcome #1: Based on yearly participant evaluations, a minimum 90% of participants will report feeling safe in Boys & Girls Club programs, a measure that will reflect their daily connections with supportive adults.

Progress: Boys & Girls Club hires an outside evaluator to collect and measure data for each of our locations. The evaluations take place throughout different time during the school year. A complete evaluation has been performed by an outside evaluator however we have not received all of the reports at this time. Once all the evaluations are received we will forward this information to you.

Behavioral Outcome #2: Based on quarterly staff progress reports, 50% of participants will maintain or improve on three learning behaviors: (a) follows directions, (b) accepts responsibility for behavior, and (c) uses cooperation skills.

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Behavioral Outcome #3: Based on pre and post tests, 80% of SMART program participants will show an increase in alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs knowledge.

Progress: Based on tests and survey completed for the SMART programs participant outcomes reported for the 2011-2012 school year are as follows

Engaging in risky behaviors can ruin your life.

Pre- 79% agree Post- 95% agree

A possible consequence of underage drinking is:

Pre- 66% correct Post- 67% correct

Young people can become addicted to meth after just one use.

Pre- 82% agreed Post- 93% agreed

When misused prescription drugs can be harmful and addictive.

Pre- 86% agreed Post- 88% agreed

1) Alcohol is illegal for children? Pre-82% correct Post- 90% correct

2) Cigarettes, cigars, snuff and chewing tobacco can hurt your lungs.

Pre- 87% correct Post – 91% correct

3) Which of the following are effects from smoking cigarettes:

Pre- 39% correct Post- 64% correct

4) Children who use drugs are more likely to do bad in school.

Pre- 53% correct Post- 66% correct

Impact Outcomes: The long-term benefits of healthy learning behaviors and life skills will provide youth with the foundation to resist pressures toward substance abuse. By offering strong programming in prevention, youth participants will transform into resilient, engaged and healthy community members.

Progress: Every day Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence offers a wide-range of programming for its members in five core areas. Those areas include character & leadership, education & career, health & life skills, sports, fitness & recreation, and the arts. The programs and activities are carried out by well trained, caring adults.

3. How have you impacted the citizens of Lawrence?

The mission and the objectives of Boys & Girls Club align with the city's goals in several ways. Providing a safe place for Lawrence youth allows their parents the opportunity to work without having to worry about their children. The parents are able to work effectively and efficiently for their employers to increase economic development. The families are also able to invest the money they make from working back into the Lawrence economy. The Club works with families to ensure that no child is turned away based on their ability to pay.

Another city goal that aligns with Boys & Girls Club is neighborhood quality. After school time is a precarious time for youth and teens. When Club members are in the safe environment of the Club they are not roaming alone in neighborhoods causing problems, or vandalism.

Boys & Girls Club prides itself in providing the best possible programs. From finding the right staff, to training them to always looking for ways to continue to be at the forefront of youth development, Boys & Girls Club is able to provide excellent service delivery for the youth and families of Lawrence.

Currently the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence employs over 140 staff across Lawrence.

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

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

Budget Categories for Alcohol Tax Request 2012
Personnel- Group leaders (80 existing staff) \$82,315 \$41,158
Fringe Benefits (figured at 14%) \$11,524 \$5,762

Travel (transportation for participants)	\$	0	
Office Space	\$	0	
Supplies: Office	\$	1,000	\$1,000
Supplies: Other	\$:	5,161	\$2,581
Equipment	\$	0	
Total Request	\$10	00,000	\$50,501