

City of Lawrence
Social Service Agency-Special Alcohol Funds
Bi-annual Report
2013

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. Cumulative reports on activities from January through December are due on February 15th.

Agency Name: Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence

Reporting period:

January - June
(deadline July 15)

January - December
(deadline February 15)

1. Give a brief 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 that 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 also provides a place for youth to work on their homework with certified teachers and trained volunteers. 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 during the after school program are planned around 3 priority areas: academic success, good character and citizenship and healthy lifestyles. Community partners provide an important resource and assist in providing youth with a well rounded experience.

By delivering well-rounded program, 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 2013 Boys & Girls Club will provide 3,000 children (minimum 1,200 per day) with after school programs at 12 sites, with transportation from an additional four 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 Vision, a member tracking software, and through the Boys & Girls Club annual report.

Progress: As of June 30, 2013 Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence has provided programming to 2,153 youth. From January to May, our average daily attendance in the after school program was 1208.

Process Outcome #2: During 2013, 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 2013, 1,368 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: An external evaluator conducts an evaluation for each program site and then compiles an organizational evaluation. The organization evaluation has not been completed for the 2012-2013 school year. Boys & Girls Club will provide City officials with the evaluation as soon as it comes in.

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.

Progress: Same as Behavioral Outcome #1

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: As of June 30, 2013 63% of Boys & Girls Club members increased their alcohol, tobacco and other drugs knowledge.

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 Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence impacts the citizens of Lawrence in many ways. The first is the impact the program has on its young citizens. The Club offers a safe place for youth to be after school, a place for the youth to realize their dreams and have a support system to make those happen. The programs provide a place to complete homework, work on academic skills and acquire new skills.

By providing over 1,000 youth a safe the place, family members of those students are able to stay at work allowing them to be proficient in their job assignments and getting their work completed. Many parents jobs continue even though school hours are over and having their child(ren) at the Club they are able to be efficient, productive workers which in turn helps make a profit for their company. Also, allowing parents to be able to work allows them to make an income which they in turn spend in Lawrence, helping the city's economy. The Club keeps youth in a safe place during the most precarious hours of the day, allows parents to be competent workers and provides income for those families to use to stimulate the local economy.

In addition, by helping members improve academically, build character and citizenship, and increase healthy lifestyles, we increase the probability that these members will grow up to be higher earning adults who contribute to our community. On the flip side, when young people who need us most don't get the support they need after school to improve in these areas, many times they end up as adults in our community safety net of unemployment, homeless shelters, drug and alcohol treatment, jail, etc. These safety net costs are a drain on our economy.

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

One barrier that Boys & Girls Club faces is finding adequate teachers for the SMART Moves curriculum. While the Club employs highly qualified staff to carry out the program the preventative curriculum sometimes requires staff with experience in providing sensitive lessons. The Club's administrative staff continues to work with community partners to identify instructors that are comfortable and capable of providing sensitive lessons.

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

Boys & Girls Club has spent 50% of our allocation.