City of Lawrence Social Service Agency Bi-annual Report 2013

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Casey Toomay, Budget Manger at <u>ctoomay@lawrenceks.org</u>. 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. **Special Alcohol Fund**

Agency Name: Lawrence Community Shelter, Inc. (LCS)

Reporting period:	× January - June	🗖 January - December
	(deadline July 15)	(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.

The Lawrence Community Shelter conducted its program of Substance Abuse Intervention and Collaboration during this period by providing immediate shelter without requiring any type of treatment or that guests be sober at the time of arrival. The program involves collaborative treatment and supportive services through a team of social workers, supported employment staff, case managers and peer counselors. During this period, also, the LCS went through the process of settling into its new building.

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

The Substance Abuse Intervention and Collaboration Program is outcomes based. It works toward goals where the emphasis is on the individual's progress toward recovery and, in keeping with the harm reduction philosophy, not focused solely on abstinence.

Process Outcomes	Annual Objective	First 6 Months
5 individuals @ mo rcv assessment of Sub. Abuse	60	14
4 individuals @ mo accessing MH or SA services	48	37
Access provided to AA at least weekly	52	26
Behavioral Outcomes		
25% into permanent housing	15	18
25% into permanent jobs	15	15
Impact Outcome		
Less than 10% in pgm who leave LCS will return	6	3

3. How have you impacted the citizens of Lawrence?

In working with the complexity of homelessness, it is necessary to deal with the untidy parts of alcoholism and mental illness, otherwise, the issue is not being approached wisely and thoroughly for the benefit of the community. In the first six months of 2013, the LCS impacted the issue of homelessness for the benefit of the citizens of Lawrence by helping 14 people get to detox and rehab for addiction treatment and 37 people get to mental health services.

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

The challenges to the program and to the individuals in the program are multiple. Substance abuse impacts a homeless individual's lifespan, their physical health, their ability to obtain and maintain a job and housing, and to seek needed mental health services. Key barriers are: lack of access to funding for programs and trained staff; lack of access to transportation for guests to get to and from resources and jobs; and lack of social support from family and friends.

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

The first-half of the 2013 City funding for the Special Alcohol Funds was \$18,000. The line-item budget in the LCS application totaled \$188,110 for the full year. Since the first-half allocation equaled slightly more than one month's Program expenditures of \$15,675.83, the first-half allocation has been fully spent.