

# City of Lawrence Outside Agency Annual Report For Calendar Year 2017

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Danielle Buschkoetter, at [dbuschkoetter@lawrenceks.org](mailto:dbuschkoetter@lawrenceks.org) by Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 5:00pm. For the following questions please refer back to your [2017 application for funding](#).

**Reporting Period:** Calendar Year 2017

**Agency Name:** Lawrence Alliance

1. Refer to the program in which your agency received funding; provide a participant success story that helps demonstrate the accomplishments of the program.

Response: The Lawrence Alliance received funding from the city for three main purposes: to host a dialogue dinner with members of the community that promotes understanding between members of diverse cultures, to hold engagement meetings with local LEO organizations including LKPD and KUPD, and to host the Festival of Cultures which promotes awareness and knowledge of locally-represented cultures. Many vendors at the Festival of Cultures noted attendees in 2017 displayed more cultural awareness and knowledge as compared with attendees at years past festivals. This evidence points to the organization's success and the need to continue cultural education and outreach in Lawrence

2. Refer to your 2017 application for funding; provide a brief narrative of the activities funded with City funds.

Response: City funds supported the Festival of Cultures in September 2017. This festival brought together individuals who wanted to learn about other cultures, participants who ran booths celebrating their culture, and entertainers from cultures who played music, sang songs, or danced for attendees. These funds covered expenditures relating to table and chair rentals, a DJ, bounce house rental, accessible sanitation facility rental, community outreach through printed flyers, and advertising in the local paper and online  
City funds also allowed the Lawrence Alliance to provide light lunches at LEO engagement meetings.

3. Refer to your 2017 application for funding; provide specific detail (use supportive documents, if needed) to demonstrate what progress was made toward your proposed outcomes.

Response: Thanks to city funding, the Festival of Cultures saw sustained or increased attendance and participation compared to past years. Approximately 3,000 persons attended the festival, 50 participants manned booths selling crafts and foods for the festival, and eight groups performed for the festival

4. Refer to the line-item budget provided in your 2017 application for funding; is this accurate to how your allocation was actually spent? If no, what changed and why?

Response: Because of scheduling difficulties with board members and desired members of the public, the Lawrence Alliance had to indefinitely postpone the dialogue dinner originally scheduled for May 2017. Funds line itemed in support of this event have been held in abeyance following FYE. All other funds line itemed for support of the Festival of Cultures, as well as those funds line itemed for the Lawrence Alliance's general

administrative purposes, were expended as designated. Remaining funds will be used in support of a newly scheduled dialogue dinner and the upcoming Festival of Cultures in September 2018