

City of Lawrence Outside Agency Annual Report For Calendar Year 2021

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Danielle Buschkoetter, at dbuschkoetter@lawrenceks.org by 5:00pm on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. To answer the following questions please refer to your [2021 application/agreement for funding](#).

Reporting Period: Calendar Year 2021

Agency Name: Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence

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

In the midst of the pandemic, we were also able to start a few new clubs, one of the favorites being Natural Hair Club. The idea was brought to our Middle School Specialist by two staff members, who have natural hair. Your hair is a big part of your identity, especially as a teenager. They understood the importance of representation for our members through the Boys & Girls Club. This club was started by one of our own AmeriCorps members, Ms. Annesia. Annesia states that she wants members who have natural hair to be able to be their true, authentic self. This space was created so that any member with natural hair within the Teen Center would be able to freely express themselves. There have been field trips to hair and beauty supply stores. The club has not only attracted Club members, but some of our staff as well.

-Teen staff member

2. Refer to your 2021 agreement for funding; provide a brief narrative of the activities funded with City funds. The Boys & Girls Club will provide essential out-of-school programming to low-income youth ages 5-18 in the Lawrence community. Services will be provided to over 1,000 youth in the community. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Club has been able to pivot their program design to ensure that youth are being served in the best way. In 2021, the Club plans to support all youth in the community in their educational needs.

The Club focuses on offering an outcome-driven Club experience that focuses on three areas; academic success, healthy lifestyles, good character and citizenship.

^[1]_{SEP} Most of the youth receiving services at the Boys & Girls Club experience higher risk factors than protective factors. Evidence-based program curriculums are effectively utilized to decrease risk factors and increase protective factors for the youth. Some of the protective factors that the Club focuses on include and are not limited to; community rewards and opportunities for prosocial involvement, and feeling safe in the community.

The Club is able to offer quality support for youth in the areas of social-emotional learning, educational and tutoring support and enrichment learning. The staff and volunteers that serve at the Club are focused on offering a high-quality Club experience to all youth, and meeting youth where they are at. This is vital for a successful program that all youth can feel comfortable engaging in.

3. Refer to your 2021 agreement for funding; report what progress was made toward your proposed outcomes and comment as necessary.

Outcomes	List 2021 outcomes from agreement	Comment as necessary
Outcome #1	In 2021, BGC will provide out-of-school programming to 1,000 youth in the Lawrence community	1,547 youth attended out-of-school programming in 2021
Outcome #2	In 2021, BGC will ensure that 800 families are able to engage in jobs or education opportunities.	1,158 families were able to engage in community jobs/education due to their children being at BGC.
Outcome #3	In 2021, 90% of participants will report feeling safe while at BGC programs.	100% of parents reported that their children are safe while at BGC.

4. Refer to the line-item budget provided in your 2021 application for funding; is this accurate to how your allocation was actually spent? If no, what changed and why?

Budget Categories	Requested Amount	Actual Amount	Comment as necessary
Personnel	\$80,000	\$80,000	Only funded for \$80,000
Fees & Services			
Estimates/Bids			
Travel			
Marketing			
Cost of Materials	\$40,000	\$0	Only funded for \$80,000
Operating Expenses			
Other			
Grand Total	\$120,000	\$80,000	Only funded for \$80,000