

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: _____Van Go, Inc._____

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

Funding was provided for Van Go’s job training programs: Jobs in the Arts Make Sense (JAMS) and The Arts Train (TAT).

Ayana is a first generation college student studying social work at the University of Kansas.

“If you told me 3 years ago I’d be a high school graduate attending KU in the fall, and being happiest I’ve ever been, I genuinely wouldn’t have believed it. In all the lows and highs, Van Go supported me. Whether that be a safe space for me to share my feelings, help me make a job resume, or even find scholarships; I don’t think any of that would have been possible without the never-ending support this program and its people have given me. Finally, something I and many others have often said is that Van Go has never felt like a job. It’s a family. Van Go truly does change lives because it’s definitely changed mine.”

2. Refer to your 2021 agreement for funding; provide a brief narrative of the activities funded with City funds.

Using a comprehensive approach to providing these services, including arts-based job training and social work support, Van Go provided essential programming to a vulnerable population. That vulnerability was especially evident during the COVID-19 pandemic. Van Go responded to this increased need by implementing health guidelines that allowed us to provide uninterrupted virtual and in-person programming. At a time when youth were disconnected from school and community support, Van Go expanded services to ensure that no young person fell through the cracks.

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	90% of participants will be engaged in employment, education and/or training upon program completion	Outcome met: 100% result of participants are engaged in employment, education, or training.
Outcome #2	85% of participants will attain their diploma or training certification and/or graduate on time with their high school class	Outcome met: 93% of participants attained their diploma or certificate with their class
Outcome #3	90% of participants will demonstrate work readiness and employment competencies, as evidenced by improvement on workplace performance evaluations	Outcome met: 92.3% of participants demonstrated work readiness and employment competencies on evaluations.

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	22,000	20,000	
Fees & Services			
Estimates/Bids			
Travel			
Marketing			
Cost of Materials			
Operating Expenses	8,000		
Other			
Grand Total	30,000	20,000	Actuals were reduced to align with the grant award.