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| 2020 Budget Revision and Carry-Over Requests | | | | | | | | | | |
| As prepared for the February 24, 2021 Bank Grants Committee and February 26, 2021 Legal Services Trust Fund Commission Meetings | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Organization Name | Date Submitted | Grant | 2020 Grant Amount | Budget Revision Total | Budget Revision % | Carry-Over Amount | Carry-Over % | Staff Recommendation or Action | Grantee Explanations for Material Budget Deviations and/or Carry-over Request |
| | Watsonville Law Center | 1/28/2021 | 2018 - 2020 | \$ 75,000 | N/A | N/A | \$ 30,688 | 40.92% | Approve | We respectfully request approval to revise our means of attaining our original goals and an extension of time to accomplish this work. We apologize for both having to make this request and for failing to take advantage of the regularly scheduled request for carryover deadline. Both were necessitated by COVID-19 impacts in our office and among our partner agencies. |
| We were aware in early 2020 that our focus population was especially vulnerable under COVID, and we have designed systems to replace in-person community engagement and information collection with remote systems. However, we were surprised by severely diminished capacity in our office and in our partner agencies in the last two months of 2020, resulting from COVID. | | | | | | | | | | |
| In the final quarter of 2020, WLC staffing was seriously impacted, including reduced hours, unexpected leaves related to family deaths, and staff who were unable to return from planned leave. We suffered an unexpected temporary loss of half our organization's FTE hours in November 2020 and have not yet recovered full staffing. For this project, and for general administrative support, we rely heavily on partners in the healthcare sector who were also severely impacted in November and December 2020. | | | | | | | | | | |
| We are also experiencing an increased need for urgent direct services to the public, and must divert our reduced resources. An extension of time will allow us to manage the current crisis in our office and community, and to provide in 2021 the excellent results enabled by this funding. | | | | | | | | | | |
| While resources are very strained, we have renewed interest in housing policy change from our originally proposed partners, including a need to address unaffordable housing as a primary driver of COVID-19 spread and inequitable impact of COVID in our focus community. | | | | | | | | | | |
| We had reviewed grant-funded goals internally and with project partners, considered likely staff, partner, and community contingencies for 2021, and have raised additional matching funds to sustain housing direct services and policy change activities supporting the grant-funded outcomes. With revised planning and having raised additional housing funding, we are confident we can complete the funded project in 2021. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County | 2/5/2021 | 2020 - 2022 | \$ 69,286 | \$ 8,000 | 11.55% | N/A | N/A | Approve | The only change is in regards to our sub-grantee (SLOLAF). While they originally anticipated needing time to ramp up due to the impact of COVID-19, they had a surge of cases come in and new attorney training during November/December, causing the workload for those months to be higher than anticipated. In general it was difficult to anticipated the COVID impacts. The proposed revised subgrantee budget is below: Sub-grantee: Year 1 \$26,000 / Year 2 \$46,000 / Year 3 \$46,000 = Total \$118,000 |