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Q1 Name of your organization.

SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition Coalition

Q2 Grant #

20150050

Q3 Grant Period

March 1, 2015-February 28, 2016

Q4 Location of your organization

City	Spartanburg
State	South Carolina

Q5 Name and Title of person completing evaluation.

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Page 2: Key Outcomes and Results

Q8 Total number of clients served through this grant funding:

314 clients sheltered during the grant period

Q9 Describe the project's key outcomes and results based on the goals and objectives. Use the following format: State the Goal: State Objective 1: Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 1: State Objective 2 (if applicable): Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 2: State Objective 3 (if applicable): Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 3:

Our primary objectives for this grant project were to increase security, and to increase confidentiality for homeless victims of domestic violence and their dependent children who are staying in our emergency shelter.

In order to increase the privacy and security of our shelter clients, we were able to add a security camera system at the gate and exterior doors that can be accessed by staff via a smart phone or portable tablet, and added privacy slats to the chain link fencing around the parking lot and playground. A pedestrian gate and a security system with cameras at the gate and exterior doors that can be accessed by staff via smart phone or portable tablet was installed on the premises. We were also able to add privacy slats to 1,060 linear feet of the chain link fencing. The privacy slats provide increased security and protect the identity of residents and their cars in our parking lots, and residents and their children on the playground.

The shelter staff is now able to look via remote camera at the security gate and the building doors to see who is trying to enter, and to allow residents access, no matter where the shelter staff member happens to be in the building. Victims no longer have to wait in inclement weather, or risk being identified while waiting for the vehicle door to be opened into the property and subsequently into the buildings.

Q10 Please describe any challenges/obstacles the organization encountered (if any) in attaining goals & objectives.

We did experience a challenge in ordering materials. SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition worked with Blue Ridge Security to complete the contracted work. We needed to put down 50% of the contract amount to order materials for the project, which was to be installed and completed in March 2015. We were able to get approval from The S.L. Gimbel Foundation to allow us to order and pay for the materials, so there would be no further delays once the grant period began. It was wonderful to be able to begin the project promptly after the grant period began.

Q11 How did you overcome and/or address the challenges and obstacles?

We worked with the staff at the Gimbel Foundation to ensure that the reimbursements were all done correctly and in a timely fashion. Since the work was completed during the grant cycle, we were able to get the project completed during the time frame allotted.

Q12 Describe any unintended positive outcomes as a result of the efforts supported by this grant.

Overall, the emergency shelter is a much safer environment due to the safety measures that were implemented with help from the S.L. Gimbel Foundation. Clients, as well as staff and volunteers, feel much safer day to day knowing that the premises are private and can be observed by staff inside the building. Parents like knowing that a staff person can keep an eye on the exterior of the building if they take their little ones out to play on the playground area. It can be very challenging to be in an emergency shelter environment, but knowing that there are safety measures in place brings a little peace of mind during their stay.

Q13 Briefly describe the impact this grant has had on the organization and community served.

Tragically, in the Spring of 2014, one of our clients was shot multiple times and murdered by her abuser right outside of our property immediately after she had put her 9 year old daughter on the school bus. To add to the tragedy, local media posted the address and a picture of the outside of the shelter on their television broadcast for several hours until we could get them to remove it. Since that time, we have had several victims come to us, stating that their abusers know where the shelter is. Some have moved to other shelters but others work here and do not want to move.

As a result of the security features implemented at the emergency shelter, clients feel safer from the minute they approach the property. They see there is a private fence, so individuals cannot see onto the property. There is a gate with a camera when they first approach. The exterior doors are all locked and monitored with cameras. It gives anxious and nervous clients a sense of relief to know that they are staying in a safe and secure location.

When clients exit the program, they are asked to complete an exit interview about their stay in the program. Of the clients that completed the questionnaire, 93% stated that they felt safer in the emergency shelter. Any way that we can keep clients, staff and volunteers safer at our emergency shelter is a tremendous asset.

Page 3: Budget

Q14 Please provide a budget expenditure report of the approved line items. Include a brief narrative on how the funds were used to fulfill grant objectives.

The contractor that provided the installation was Blue Ridge Security Solutions. They were paid an initial amount of \$18,722.19 as a deposit to order all of the materials, with the balance to be paid at the completion of the job. The job was completed on March 24, 2015. We had secured other funds to pay the balance of the costs of the entire job, which was \$35,997.00.

Page 4: Success Stories

Q15 Please relate a success story:

Mrs. Collins was placed in our emergency shelter program due to physical, verbal, and emotional abuse by her husband. Her spouse had brought her from another county while he was serving in the military, so she had limited support here in America. He got involved with a religious cult, that controlled every aspect of her life from what she wore, to where she went, to how she parenting her children. She couldn't see any way out of these desperate situation. She spoke limited English and was sheltered with her two children. Mrs. Collins benefited greatly from our shelter program and supportive services. She and her children attended individual and group therapy sessions that helped to encourage and support them during their stay in the shelter. The case managers provided Mrs. Collins with many community resources and referrals to assist her with making progress. Mrs. Collins was able to secure an Order of Protection, file for a divorce, apply for governmental financial services and received them, applied for a VISA and received it, issued a social security card, and secured a place to live with her the children free of abuse and violence. SAFE Homes – Rape Crisis Coalition assisted Mrs. Collins with furniture and household items when she exited the shelter program. She was so grateful for this opportunity to start over and finally feel safe again.

Q16 Please relate a success story here:

Ms. Penson entered our emergency shelter program due to many years of severe physical, sexual, and emotional abuse by her intimate partner. She feared for her life and her children, and was very afraid of her abuser. Ms. Penson and her four children benefited greatly from our case management and therapy support services. Victim advocates provided Ms. Penson with many community referrals to reach her goals and make progress on her service plan. The individual, group therapies, and case management provided support to Ms. Penson to make steps to search for a home of her own. She was able to find a place and secured it. This was a huge step for Ms. Penson and her children, since she has never lived alone. SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition assisted Ms. Penson with household items to help her move out into her own place. She was so appreciative of all the support she received while staying at the emergency shelter.

Q17 Please relate a success story here:

Respondent skipped this question

Page 5: Organizational Information

Q18 Which category best describes the organization. Please choose only one.

Shelter

Q19 What is the organization's primary program area of interest?

Housing for Special Populations

Q20 Percentage of clients served through grant in each ethnic group category. Total must equal 100%

African American	37
Asian/Pacific Islander	2
Caucasian	47
Native American	0
Hispanic Latino	7
All Ethnicities	100
Other	8
Unknown	0

Q21 Approximate percentage of clients served from grant funds in each age category.

Children Birth-05 years of age	23
Children ages 06-12 years of age	16
Youth ages 13-18	8
Young Adults (18-24)	5
Adults	45
Senior Citizens	3

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Q22 Approximate percentage of clients served with disabilities from grant funds.	No clients served with disabilities	0
	Physically Disabled	11
	Blind & Vision Impaired	0
	Deaf & Hearing Impaired	0
	Mentally/Emotionally Disabled	13
	Learning Disabled	0
	Speech Impaired	0
	Other Disability	0

Q23 Approximate percentage of clients served in each economic group.	At/Below Poverty Level	95
	Homeless/Indigent	0
	Migrant Worker	0
	Working Poor	5
	Other	0

Q24 Approximate percentage of clients served from grant funds in each population category.	Single Adults	52
	Families	0
	Single Parent Families	48
	Disabled	24
	Ethnic Minority	53
	LGBTG	3
	Abused Women/Children	100
	Homeless/Indigent	0
	Immigrants	1
	Military	0
	Parolees	0
	Students	26
	Elderly	3
	Children/Youth (those not included in Family)	0
