

 The Community Foundation Serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties	S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund Grant Evaluation Form
Grant Period:	November 2012 through November 2013

Organization: Burlington Transitional Living Center

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Grant Period: 11/2012 through 11/2013

Award Amount: \$15,000

Grant Number: 2012847

Describe the project's key outcomes and results based on your goals and objectives. Provide the number of clients served and other relevant statistics. **SHIP (Supportive Housing Incentive Program), a TLC rental assistance program, was developed to help clients with a portion of their move-out costs when transitioning back into the community. Clients were to continue in the TLC financial program to not only qualify for the assistance but to ensure sustainability.**

With the use of funds made available through the S.L. Gimbel Foundation, TLC will be able to financially assist 8 adults (including 6 children) with security deposit and 1st months' rent by the end of the grant period of November 30, 2013.

The assistance was set up in a way that \$1500 assistance was allocated (\$750 for security deposit and \$750 towards 1st months' rent) over an extended period of time and issued directly to the landlord. It was felt that if the payments were distributed on a monthly basis this would give more incentive to the client to remain in the financial program. Unfortunately, even with allocating the funds in this manner 2 adults were unable to complete the program. The amount that remained from their balance was then equally allocated to the other participants.

What were the challenges and obstacles you encountered (if any) in attaining your goals & objectives? How did you overcome and/or address the challenges and obstacles? What were the lessons learned? Describe any unintended positive outcomes as a result of the efforts supported by this grant. **We found that the individuals who received the assistance were able to save a significant amount of earnings, decrease their time at the shelter, transition into permanent housing, and were able to maintain their independence. All things we had hoped would take place when receiving this grant.**

Describe the overall effect this grant has had on your organization. **Our goal was to be able to provide rental and security deposit assistance to individuals that were exiting the shelter. In the 90 days (average stay) that a client is housed at TLC there can be barriers to saving the necessary amount needed for move out costs. With being a small community, having a weak job market and limited low income housing resources, regaining independence can be difficult for many individuals. Financial assistance allowed the person to keep their money in reserves, continue saving, and be assured they would be able to obtain permanent housing.**

Tell us a few success stories that made an impact on your organization and/or community as a result of this grant. **In October of 2012, a mother and her baby were placed in shelter. They had no family support and limited resources available to them. While living at the shelter, the mother found full time employment and case managers worked with her to budget her monthly bills. The mother understood her limitations and allowed staff to offer guidance and direction when needed. Case managers assisted her with applying for low income housing. They were accepted and moved into**

an apartment in early 2013. Staff meets with her on a weekly basis to ensure all support services are in place and being utilized. The mother was offered financial assistance through the SHIP program and she continues to be in the financial mentoring program at TLC. The amount she received in rental assistance has been a huge help. Her financial assistance will end in November 2013 (when the grant money is expended), however, through these past months she has been able to continue to save a significant amount of money, budget for future rent payments, and remain independent.

In the summer of 2013, TLC was able to transition three women into permanent housing. These women all entered the shelter at different times, however, each were able to secure employment and participated in the TLC financial program throughout their time at the shelter. Upon discharge, they agreed to remain in the financial program and are taking advantage of the SHIP program. TLC has paid a portion of their security deposits and is making monthly payments to the landlords to assist them with rent. They will continue in the program until the grant money is expended in November of 2013. Again, with this assistance the time the women stayed at the shelter was significantly decreased and they continue to remain independent.

Provide a financial report on the use of your grant funds (expenditures).

Financial Report attached

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