

**Community Alliance of the Far East Side**

**Program Description**

- The application references their Center for Working Families as well as other neighborhood engagement programs, but does not provide as much detail around the numbers served
- Very clear implementation approach with clear benchmarks and dates
- Description of the neighborhood was brief, not much detail
- The application identified potential partners that may be involved, but could have been clearer in terms of roles and relationships
- A family engagement team of a Promotora, behavior specialist, community health worker, and trauma care provider were identified
- The application proposes solutions, but didn't as clearly identify the problems of the clients to show why these solutions were needed
- The application could have better aligned roles and lanes of responsibility
- Strong alignment with the Center for Working Families program. The early childhood education side is new but the partnerships will be in place
- CAFÉ's strategic plan includes the two-generational approach
- The application showed a strong reach and engagement with CWF programs. The ECE component is a new partnership, so numbers are not yet available
- The application demonstrated positive outcomes with their CWF programming, increasing families' financial assets
- They demonstrate a strong understanding of the Far Eastside family and community environment especially related to CWF.
- Further description about all the different partners, assets and gaps in the community would have been helpful
- The overall approach is strong however, unsure about the applicant only having two ECE partners
- The application mentions enrolling families with children ages 0-5 but only discusses preschool age ECE partners, there is more clarity needed around who will serve infants and toddlers if enrolled parents have younger children
- The application did not clearly articulate how they intend to realistically recruit 100 families and could have included more demographic data to support where and how they intend to recruit families
- The application demonstrated a strong approach to providing FES
- ECE is a new service area for the applicant, but they identified partners to support this new work
- The application could have been clearer on how information from the contractors (ECE providers and wraparound providers) will be filtered back to the Café team and families
- The application outlines behavioral health and social capital partnerships but the logic model does not clearly identify outcomes around these partnerships

- The logic model is clear and complete in terms of ECE and FES but missing outcomes for some of the other key activities: health and wellness and social capital
- The outcomes presented in the logic model were strong
- Data on CWF in the proposal states enrollments of 1600+ and only 192 increased income and 186 were employed. The organization does show consistent increases among their CWF participants
- CAFE clearly understands its geographic area however there is little mention of services to the Latino population
- The application provided an adequate explanation of the service flow
- CAFE describes a number of agencies that it hopes will be partners however without funding they cannot guarantee these organizations will be partners
- The logic model is somewhat disjointed. The outputs for Social Capital are unclear and they are really outcomes
- CAFE has a leadership void and plans on contracting data management to an external organization

### Evaluation Capacity

- They propose having weekly meetings with the engagement team to discuss strategies and monthly meetings with the entire team to discuss families
- There is a clear understanding of the time needed to work on evaluation and data collection
- One staff person has specific evaluation expertise and generally all staff are noted as having expertise
- They seem committed to capture client data and have experience of successfully capturing data
- They have experience of capturing data and sharing with UWCI but it is unclear how data has been used for decision-making

### Organizational Capacity

- James Taylor from John H. Boner center is serving as interim director
- The board seems engaged
- The application listed a number of organizational awards including CWF, FEMA, CDBG, and ability to stay in compliance
- They are in transition which is potential challenge for implementation but have an interim Executive Director and have a strong team to support the new Executive Director to be finalized in August
- The organization has experience with FEMA and CDBG federal grant programs
- They have been implementing the CWF program for 3 years and are an anchor institution in the community
- They have raised 56% of the required match
- New leadership, CEO and eventually COO will require a transition and learning period
- CAFE has sustained its program operations in some challenging situations and appears to be continuously improving
- CAFE has a donor that is highly supportive and has committed \$225k to the organization

## Partnerships and Coalitions

- CAFÉ led the Quality of Life planning for the community.
- They previously applied to become a Great Places 2020 site and convened partners
- CAFÉ is a key partner of Plan 2020 and identified areas of connection and intersection with this work
- The application illustrates strong partnership with IMPD and other key partners in the community
- The organization has several additional key partnerships such as “Family Success Initiative” and “Jump IN for Healthy Kids”. The Family Success partnership would be a fertile ground for recruitment
- The applicant developed a public safety initiative with IMPD and created an Apartment Managers Roundtable to address problems in the numerous apartment complexes in the area
- The applicant developed the Family Success Initiative in the Carriage House Apartment complex with support from the Glick Foundation and Phalen Leadership Academy