

Near West Reviewer Comments

Program Description

- The subgrantees have provided an excellent narrative explaining the management structures and players to accomplish both effective program/project management.
- The intensive team based case management approach is explained effectively and presents a very good depiction of a workable service delivery strategy.
- The subgrantee partnership merges multiple organizations with a focus on two generation approaches. Strong alignment of Great Families 2020's mission and organization/partners' mission.
- Clear alignment to evidence and research. Clear alignment of activities and outcomes.
- The focus to recruit and serve the Latino population effectively addressed with caregivers and bilingual staff.
- Hawthorne shows respectable outcomes, particularly from the Center for Working Families. Demonstrates clear reach of financial economic stability programs and services but did not state reach of early childhood education programs and any overlap.
- More detail on recruitment beyond the early childhood education programs providing referrals would be helpful. Also have a secondary goal of increasing the number of high quality early childhood education programs.
- The subgrantees provided a thorough and detailed description of demographics, social, and cultural factors and have demonstrated strong involvement in the neighborhood.
- Diverse partners secured. Partnerships with local community partners to provide early childhood education services, mental health, social capital, and other wraparound services.
- Outcomes for early childhood education, behavioral health, could have been better outlined in logic model.
- The number and variety of new staff appears to complement the existing staff capacity. They appear to be strategically placed and purposed. Plan to hire staff from the community is original.

Evaluation Capacity

- Significant experience and expertise among the subgrantees and it appears to be allocated well.
- Strong understanding and experience with Efforts to Outcomes and data systems.
- Plan to hire a Data Manager but current staff are trained in data collection.
- The proposal discusses the availability of the data due to good collection processes; however, could better clarify how data will be used.
- Committed to using data for decision-making; could have provided examples.

Organizational Capacity

- The subgrantees have high functioning leadership with strong experience and commitment to project.
- The transition of the long-serving Executive Director of Hawthorne brings concern. They are putting a transition plan in place with the Board.
- Long-term service delivery and management of Center for Working Families and Family Access Network. Demonstrated experience of sustaining programming.

- Believe there is a strong commitment the project, but lacked details of ongoing investment.
- Some mention of federal grants experience but not too much detail.
- They are committed to raising the match and have identified resources needed to secure match.
- MCCOY role in managing direct service providers could be mission creep for them (typically act as intermediary). Narrative points to MCCOY role in Family Access Network as precedent for role described in GF2020 proposal.

Partnerships and Coalitions

- Involved in Near West Great Places 2020.
- Have partnerships with IMPD, but less clear how it plays into priority areas.
- They lead a Family Access Network that aligns nicely with the GF project.

Budget and Budget Narrative

- The narrative focuses a lot on staff but could have elaborated more on other budget items.
- 1:1 match is met.
- Documentation of 10% match.
- Budget items meet all 4 requirements.
- Narrative aligns.