

**Community Grants Program
Grant Report**



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Project Name: DIY STEM/Trauma Informed
Space
Grant Funding Amount: \$7,000
Project Completion Date: 6/30/2022

Describe how the funds were used to serve Douglas County residents.

These funds were used to purchase kits and supplies for various DIY STEM projects and activities located at our Carson Valley site at Pau-Wa-Lu Middle School in Gardnerville, NV. These DIY STEM projects were “outside the box” ideas that our CV youth would not have otherwise been able to participate in. Outside of the DIY STEM program we also used funds from this grant to restructure and redesign a space in order to be used as a Trauma Informed Care “Quiet Space”. This space allows for our Douglas County members to have a safe and quiet space to reflect, calm down and use mindfulness techniques.

Describe how the organization measured the success of the program/project. Provide qualitative and quantitative measures.

In order to measure the success of this project we used several factors including attendance numbers, a pre/post mental awareness survey and the creation of tangible products that came out of the DIY STEM program. When it comes to attendance overall Average Daily Attendance increased by 17 members once our DIY STEM program was advertised and launched. From day one of our DIY STEM program to the last session in June, we saw an increase of 23 Club members participating in STEM programming at our Carson Valley site (a total of 53 students were served as part of the DIY STEM program. Part of our program measurement tool was the pre/post mental awareness piece which consisted of BGCWN staff sitting down one-on-one with Club members participating in these programs. Club staff asked questions like “What parts of the Club or staff help you feel calmer and more supported when you are at the Club?”. Questions like these help us to better understand if the efforts we made with DCC funding have helped our youth feel more calm, safe and supported when it comes to mental health and Trauma Informed Care. In total 61 surveys were completed and 17 sit down sessions with youth took place to collect informational data. As we continue to our efforts in Trauma Informed Care and creating

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physically and emotionally safe spaces, we will continue to use methods and feedbacks surveys similar to this to track our successes and determine any improvements/adaptations.

Provide any changes or challenges to the original project plan and how it affected the project.

No challenges were observed or recorded.