Community Grants Program Grant Report



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Project Name: Community Quilts

Grant Funding Amount: \$1,500.00
Project Completion Date: 6/10/2023

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

The grant was utilized to purchase nearly 300 yards of polyester fleece material to use as backs to lap-size to twin-size quilts. Since receipt of the grant, over 200 quilts have been constructed by Quilt Guild members and approximately 175 have been distributed to residents and charitable organizations. The Guild donated over 100 quilts to local hospitals for their cancer patients. The Elks Club received 30 quilts to include in their holiday food baskets distributed to local seniors in need. City of Refuge Shelter received 20 quilts, and other local organizations received most of the remaining quilts that have been distributed so far. The residents who have received these quilts have expressed their appreciation and gratitude for both the gift and the thought that they were remembered by the community during a difficult time in their lives.

Additional materials purchased by the grant funds are currently being used to construct more quilts that will be kept in storage and distributed as demand requires. The Guild estimates that we will be able to construct and distribute at least 100 more quilts from the materials on hand.

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

The Guild measures the success of our efforts by the response of the recipient organizations, as well as the residents who ultimately receive the quilts. The organizations that we support are consistently and enthusiastically requesting more quilts for their patients/clients. Most importantly, though, we receive thoughtful cards and emails from the people who receive the quilts. These expressions of thanks are the best indicators that our efforts are doing good in the community.

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

There were no unexpected changes or challenges. One bright spot: our region did not suffer severe losses from wildfires during 2022, so no quilts were donated to local wildfire victims, as had been done in previous years.