

**Community Grants Program
Grant Report**



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Project Name:	Jessie's Ranch Job Fair		
Grant Funding Amount:	\$2,120		
Project Completion Date:	June 30 th , 2023		

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

The funds were used to help promote a Family Support Council job fair on September 23rd, 2022, for our Jessie's Ranch Program. Jessie's Ranch provides supportive services for adults with developmental disabilities through social living skills or job training and support. Funds directly from the Community Grant went to an ad for the fair listed in the Record Courier. The purpose was to grow the target outreach area and increase attendance at the event. Secondly, funds went towards raffle prizes for the event. This would encourage attendance and applicants at the fair. Funds went towards refreshments and food for attendees. Lastly, the community funds covered printing flyers to distribute to over 2,000 residents in Douglas County. The purpose of the fair was to assist in the job crisis and grow the Jessie's ranch program to better serve our population of adults with disabilities.

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

9 participants came to the event and learned about the Jessie's Ranch program. Out of the 9, we successfully hired 2 applicants. Since we were able to host the job fair and hire individuals, this totaled over 400 hours of support directly to adults with developmental disabilities in Douglas County. Support included job training and support as well as social living skills like mentoring during cooking, cleaning, and general house maintenance. New employees also meant transportation services since this county is lacking public transit.

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

Just like with many other Douglas County businesses and Organizations, Family Support Council faces difficulty with Staff retention. Even more so, when requiring safe, and healthy staff to provide all of our services. Without staffing, individuals we serve are left without quality support and may be faced with leaving the Valley.