

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Hospice of Anchorage****Federal Tax ID: 92-001800****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Hospice of Anchorage - Camp Erin Grief Camp

State Funding Requested: \$10,000
One-Time Need**House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)****Brief Project Description:****Mission Statement:**

To help people meet the transition from life through death and to cope with loss and grief.

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Funding Plan:

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| Total Project Cost: | \$72,226 |
| Funding Already Secured: | (\$55,585) |
| FY2012 State Funding Request: | <u>(\$10,000)</u> |
| Project Deficit: | \$6,641 |

*Funding Details:**This is the first request for state funding. See attachment for detailed accounting.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:****Mission Statement:**

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Camp Erin Anchorage:

Hospice of Anchorage's Camp Erin Anchorage (Camp Erin) is an annual weekend intensive grief camp for children ages 6 – 17 years. Camp Erin combines traditional fun camp activities with grief support and education led by grief professionals and trained volunteers. Camp Erin provides a unique opportunity for peer bonding between children and teens facing a similar life circumstance. Camp Erin Anchorage complements the ongoing year round Forget Me Not Grief Program for grieving children, teens, and their caregivers.

Beneficiaries:

Families of all cultures and socio-economic backgrounds are welcomed at Camp Erin. The programs accept participants and families without regard to race, color, marital status, sexual orientation, religion, sex, age, national origin or physical handicap. The programs are offered at no charge to the families.

Hospice of Anchorage is the only organization to offer grief support to grieving families inclusive of children in the Anchorage community. Both its Forget Me Not and Camp Erin programs are designed for families who have experienced the death of someone close to them, most often a parent, sibling, grandparent or close friend. All family members, children and adults alike, find comfort in the peer support groups.

Community Benefits:

Camp Erin provides a safe place for children ages 6 – 17 to bring and experience their grief in the company of peers who share their same life circumstance, the death of someone special in their life. Adult caregivers of Camp Erin participants receive researched grief education information to support their efforts in caring for and supporting their children's healing process.

Special attention is given to activities that promote resilience in grieving children as they continue to grow older and incorporate their grief experience in their lives. Both programs offer peer support grouped by developmental age and are facilitated by trained volunteers and professionals.

The death of a family member or special person is a time of crisis and, if handled with love and support, can eventually become a process of growth. Camp Erin serves as a preventative program, working with children and teens to experience and to verbalize the hard feelings and thoughts they are coping with and to provide a safe and healthy outlet for these feelings and thoughts. Camp Erin supports and enhances the lives of grieving children and teens at a critical time in their development.

Camp Erin provides support to overwhelmed and grieving children and further positive school outcomes by fostering factors that contribute to school success, including ensuring that students are physically and mentally healthy, providing social, emotional and behavioral support. Unaddressed bereavement issues in childhood are known to have serious long-term consequences, and children's bereavement services are clearly essential to ensuring the emotional health of our young people both now and in the future.

Unsupported grieving can lead to depression, anti-social behaviors, physical complications, and/or criminal behavior leading to involvement with the legal and judicial system. In the past three decades, numerous research projects have noted the high incidence of parental and sibling deaths in the lives of adult psychiatric patients and imprisoned criminals. It is believed that unresolved grief plays an important role in the development of psycho-pathology and can lead to major depression, schizophrenia and alcoholism, as well as sociopath and suicidal disorders.

An example of a local teen helped by the programs includes a young man, 15 yrs old, whose mother had died. He was brought to the program by his mother's friend as he was estranged from his father and stepfather. He attended consistently for 3 years, until his high school graduation. His peer support group at Forget Me Not held a celebration for him the week of his graduation. He is now a Hospice of Anchorage volunteer, looking forward to attending tech school next year.

Project Timeline:

October 7 - 9 2011

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Hospice of Anchorage, Inc.

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

Camp Erin Forget Me Not
Grief Programs of
Hospice of Anchorage

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| FY 2012 (July 2011-June 2012) | Camp Erin | Forget Me Not Family Nights | Total Program |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Income | | | |
| The Moyer Foundation | 10,000 | | 10,000 |
| Teddy Bears 60 count - (NY Life) | 1,000 | | 1,000 |
| Camp T-Shirts (NY Life) | 1,000 | | 1,000 |
| General & Civic Fundraising | 16,641 | 39,375 | 56,016 |
| Total Dollar Contributions | 28,641 | 39,375 | 68,016 |
| In- Kind Giving | | | |
| Welcome Quilts (60 @ \$100 ea) | 6,000 | | 6,000 |
| Chair Massage Therapsits for Volunteers | 1,200 | | 1,200 |
| Arctic Circle Enterprises Small Gifts for Campers/Vols Clinical Director (Shirley) | 500 | | 500 |
| | 1,000 | | 1,000 |
| LPC (Susan) (Bruce) | 1,000 | | 1,000 |
| RNs (Dina & Kathy) | 2,000 | | 2,000 |
| Spiritual Care (Susan) | 1,000 | | 1,000 |
| Camp Erin Professional Volunteers | 17,910 | | 17,910 |
| Camp Erin Non-prof Volunteers | 12,975 | | 12,975 |
| Forget Me Not Professional Volunteers (378 hours@\$30) | | 11,340 | 11,340 |
| Forget Me Not Non-prof Volunteers (792 hours @ \$20) | | 15,840 | 15,840 |
| ASD Space for Forget Me Not Program Nights (20 @ \$300) | | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Total In-Kind | 43,585 | 33,180 | 76,765 |
| Total Income | \$72,226 | \$72,555 | \$144,781 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Paid Professional Staff (.75 FTE) | 13,537 | 31,096 | 44,633 |
| Insurance, Office, Telephone, Printing,Postage, etc Camp & Food (\$75weekend ea) | 2,604 | 3,579 | 6,183 |
| | 7,500 | 0 | 7,500 |
| Background Checks for Volunteers @ \$54.25 each | 1,000 | 1,200 | 2,200 |
| Activity Supplies | 2,000 | 1,000 | 3,000 |
| Facilitator Training & Recognition - | 1,000 | 1,000 | 2,000 |
| Family Education Materials | 1,000 | 1,500 | 2,500 |
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